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## RECEIPTS TORN OUT OF BOOKS AT THE TREASURY

### MR. MESSER'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN COURT TO-DAY

#### "FURTHER INQUIRIES" CASE

That only yesterday he had come across, presumably in his capacity as Colonial Treasurer, two receipt books from each of which three receipt forms had been torn out, was the announcement made by the Hon. Mr. C. Mel. Messer, O.B.E., in the witness box to-day, in the "Attorney General of Hong Kong v. the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation" case at the Supreme Court, before his Honour the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C.) and a special jury, sitting in Original Jurisdiction.

Mr. Messer began to give evidence yesterday after the conclusion of the cross-examination of Mr. T. Black (Treasury Accountant) by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master), for the defence, and re-examination by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, who is appearing with Mr. Eldon Foster, K.C. (instructed by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, M.C., Treasury Solicitor), for the Treasury.

#### Precautions Not Relaxed

The routine of filling up cheques in the Treasury was described by Mr. Messer. He signed first and Mr. Black afterwards. Toward the end of the year, Mr. Messer signed before the papers had been dealt with by the examination branch of the Treasury (as is done in normal times) but Mr. Black did not sign until this necessity had been complied with. He, Mr. Messer, had on several occasions seen his instructions carried out in this respect. Precautions were not relaxed by this change in procedure, Mr. Messer added.

On January 18, 1928, the three cheques totalling \$260,407.98 were brought to him, said Mr. Messer. On that day he told Mr. Black to go to the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank. The instructions were to get the cheques but not enter into any discussion at all.

He also asked Mr. Dallin, the Assistant Auditor, to go as well. When "Anything Wrong?"

Asked why he did so, Mr. Messer replied that it is the usual custom when "anything goes wrong" to inform the Government Auditor at once.

Mr. Messer also referred to the "shortage" of 30 cheques each from two books. About ten days before the end of 1927, Mr. Tsang On-wing (the cheque book clerk) had spoken to him, said Mr. Messer. Tsang mentioned 60 cheques being short and that the Bank, in response to a request for 200 cheques (intended to last until the end of the year) had sent 400.

"I took Tsang to mean," Mr. Messer continued, "that by being short he only needed 60 more cheques for the year and I said to him 'It doesn't matter (if the Bank has sent 400 instead of 200) because the Bank provides the paper and we don't.'"

"Too Neat for Mine"

He had no notion then or any idea, Mr. Messer added, that 60 cheques had been extracted from the previous two books of 300 cheques each.

Replying to His Lordship, Mr. Messer said that he immediately formed the opinion (when Mr. Proctor of the Bank brought the cheques to him) that the handwriting was not Tsang On-wing's.

He was not certain what conversation he had with Mr. Proctor but he recollected saying: "The signature is a d— sight too neat for mine" and also remarking: "I must have had a very steady hand."

Mr. Messer also said that he had no doubt in his own mind then that the signatures on the three disputed cheques were not his.

"I think I said so in Mr. Proctor's presence that the names of the payees (on the three cheques) were unfamiliar to me," Mr. Messer stated, in answer to Mr. Sheldon.

To him, Mr. Messer continued, the handwriting was obviously not that of Tsang On-wing. And Tsang On-wing almost treated as a joke the idea that it was his writing.

## DISARMAMENT LORD CUSHENDUN ON BRITAIN'S EFFORTS CHINA AND CONSCRIPTION

### London, Yesterday.

In the discussion on land armaments, at the meeting of the Preparatory Committee on Disarmament, at Geneva, Lord Cushendun, the British delegate, said that it was quite true, as the French delegate had said, that the question of distinction between limitation and reduction had already been discussed and settled. Nevertheless, it was very important to bear in mind the distinction between the two because if reduction were to be substituted for limitation in this convention they might very well be going beyond the obligations of Article Eight of the Covenant laid down that there should be reduction down to a level consistent with national safety. One could not tell at present what nations, if any, had already reduced to that level. Consequently, if they were to insist upon reduction as well as limitation, in the present convention, they might very well be going beyond the obligations of Article Eight.

#### What Britain Had Done

In this connection he mentioned that Great Britain had carried out consistently for many years a continuous reduction of land armaments. At the end of the War Britain had a very large military force, produced by compulsory service, which was an exceptional system for her. Britain immediately returned to voluntary service, but even on that small level, which compared with conscriptionist nations, had of course a very small army. Britain had been continually reducing. In proof of that proposition he said that compared with August, 1914, namely with her pre-war Army, Britain had reduced nine cavalry regiments, 21 infantry battalions and 61 artillery batteries and, in the last five years, she had progressively reduced her military budget.

In 1925, irrespective of pensions, the British military budget was 36½ millions sterling; in 1926 34½ millions; in 1927 33½ millions; in 1928 32½ millions and in the present year 32½ millions.

So that during the last five years, Britain had been continually and progressively reducing her military budget at same time that she had carried out a progressive diminution of her land forces. Therefore, it was quite possible, though he did not assert it was so, that when the matter came to be decided by the Disarmament Conference it might happen that Britain had already reduced to the level required by Article Eight of the Covenant.—British Wireless Service.

#### China's Delegation Interviewed

Later.

#### Mr. Britten's Views

Washington, Yesterday.

For the second time within ten days Mr. Gibson has played into the hands of French and British diplomacy, complains Mr. Britten, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in the House of Representatives, in a statement attacking the suggestion regarding trained reserves. In his opinion neither of Mr. Gibson's proposals has the slightest chance of acceptance by the League Commission for many years, if ever.—Reuter's American Service.

## MOTOR FATALITY

### FAMOUS GERMAN RACER KILLED

#### TRAGEDY AT STENDAL

Berlin, Yesterday.

The famous German racing motorist, Baron Wentzelmoose, with a companion was killed while racing at Stendal. He tried to avoid a cyclist and overturned, with the machine ablaze.

A spectator was also killed and several injured.—Reuter.

A new landing-ground for aeroplanes in the vicinity of Wiesbaden will be available for air traffic at Whitsuntide.

A grenade exploded prematurely during grenade-throwing practice at Helsingfors, injuring an officer and ten soldiers.

## "MAY DAY" RIOTING IN GERMANY COMMUNISTS ACTIVE

### AGITATORS CITING MASSES TO HOSTILITY

#### LIVELY SCENES

##### Berlin, Yesterday.

The authorities here are concerned with the approach of May Day owing to the communist agitators doing their utmost to incite the masses to demonstrate in the streets.

Posters banning all processions have been defaced by communists who are canvassing from house to house urging defiance to the police.

Political passions are already high and have caused frequent clashes throughout the country. Communist killed one and seriously injured two republicans.

In Frankfurt on Main there has been serious fighting between Fascist and Communists, while in Freiburg the nationalists repeatedly interrupted a Polish opera company at Oppeln. They threw stink bombs and howled down the actors whom they later molested in the streets.

There have been similar anti-Polish demonstrations in Breslau and Berlin.—Reuter.

## TO ATTACK KWANGSI?

### Troops Assemble Under Guise of Anti-Communism

#### Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned that Nationalist troops under Chiang Tse-wen and Li Ming-chi are concentrating just below Hankow, ostensibly to march on Fukien province to take part in the campaign against Communists, but (it is reliably reported) they will eventually land in Linchow or Yanchow (in the south-west of Kwangtung province) for a surprise attack against Nanning, a city in the south of Kwangsi province.—Reuter.

## TRAGIC DEATH

### LORD YOUNGER'S "SUDDEN CALL"

#### COLLAPSES IN THEATRE

##### London, Yesterday.

Lord Younger collapsed in a west-end theatre. He was taken to hospital, where he died.—Reuter.

[Lord Younger of Leckie (the first Viscount Younger) who, as a politician was for many years better known as Sir George Younger, Bart., was born in 1851. He was Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire and Vice-Lieutenant of Clackmannanshire. From 1906 to 1922 he was Unionist Member of Parliament for Ayr Burghs, defeating by a very narrow majority Sir Joseph Dobbie, S.S.C. He was the eldest son of the late James Younger, brewer, Ayr, Scotland, with which business he (Lord Younger) was also actively associated. Lord Younger was for many years one of the most prominent members of the Conservative Party. He was also a director of the National Bank of Scotland, the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., Lloyds Bank, and the Southern Railway. His heir is his son, Lt.-Col. the Hon James Younger.]

## AFGHANISTAN

### KHAN SAUDDIN'S LITTLE RUSE

#### WHAT HAPPENED AT DINNER

##### Peshawar, Yesterday.

Reports from Gardez state that Khan Saoudin, chief of the Ahmadzai Ghilzais, who proclaimed himself King after Amanullah's abdication and then sought the friendship of Nadir Khan, invited Nadir Khan and his brothers to dinner on Friday. He arrested them all but Nadir Khan, who escaped.—Reuter.

Messages report the departure of Mr. Henry Ford from the United States for Europe, and that he proposes to summon a conference in Berlin of the heads of European Ford companies to consider plans to counter those of the General Motors Corporation.

## PRIVY COUNCIL TO MEET AT BOGNOR KING TO PRESIDE

### TO DISCUSS DISSOLUTION AND GENERAL ELECTION

#### STATE COUNCIL CONTINUES

##### London, Yesterday.

The King will preside at a Privy Council meeting at Craigwell House on May 10, for the first time since his illness.

His Majesty desires personally to deal with matters regarding the dissolution of Parliament and the General Election and his decision does not necessarily mean the end of the Council of State.—Reuter.

## BOMBAY STRIKE

### NOW ALMOST GENERAL IN THE CITY

#### 150,000 WORKERS INVOLVED

##### Bombay, Yesterday.

The mill strike here, due to alleged victimisation, is almost general. Nearly 150,000 hands are involved, and the situation is complicated by fears of communal trouble.

For example a Hindu and Moslem brawl on Saturday revived rumours of inter-communal rioting, but beyond a few stray assaults the city remains quiet.—Reuter.

## CONSPIRATORS

### SEQUEL TO INDIAN GENERAL STRIKE

#### FOURTEEN "GUILTY"

##### Bombay, Yesterday.

Fourteen persons charged with conspiracy in the general strike on the Southern Railway last July, have been found "guilty" and sentenced to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment. Those sentenced include Mukin Dalal Sarjar and Singarave Lucchettiar.—Reuter.

## NEW GOVERNOR

### COL. G. F. STANLEY GOING TO MADRAS

#### SUCCEEDS LORD GOSCHEN

##### London, Yesterday.

Col. George Frederick Stanley, M.P., brother of Lord Derby, succeeds Viscount Goschen as Governor of Madras on the expiry of his term of office in the Autumn.—Reuter.

## A FRIEND'S COAT?

### CHINESE EX-ARMY OFFICER AGAIN REMANDED

#### ANOTHER NAME GIVEN

##### Wong Yuen-tak, an ex-officer in the Chinese Army at Hankow, who is charged with the theft of a jacket, was again before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistrate's court, this morning.

His Worship gave a remand yesterday for the Police to try to find a friend of the accused named Chiu Chi-man, who he said, was the Chairman of the Yunnanese Association in Hong Kong and had promised him assistance. Accused took the jacket under the impression, he alleged, that it belonged to Chiu.

This morning Sub-Inspector Carpenter told the Magistrate that the only Yunnanese Association in Hong Kong was the Yunnan Merchants' Association at the Foo Tin native bank in Connaught-road, but the man Chiu Chi-man was not known there.

The Officer added that since the Police inquiries, the accused had given another name—that of Shiu Sau-man. This name was known at the Yunnan Merchants' Association, and therefore the Inspector asked for another remand of 24 hours in order to get hold of this man.

In granting the remand his Worship remarked to accused: "Why did you not give the right name the first time?"

## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 7/16.

## RAILWAY COLLISION IN NEW YORK EXCITING AFFAIR

### THERE PERSONS KILLED - 40 INJURED

#### HYSTERICAL PASSENGERS

##### New York, Yesterday.

Three persons were killed and 40 injured by an elevated train crashing into a rear tube train on the same track, in the Bronx district during the "rush hour" in the morning.

A wooden coach of the elevated train caught fire and a fireman was obliged to raise ladders to the elevated structure.

He extinguished the flames in half an hour, after which the passengers, most of whom were hysterical, were removed.

Over 3,000 persons, mostly office workers, were aboard the trains at the time of the collision.

Several passengers collapsed on the track and had to be carried by the Police, and firemen.

The accident was apparently due to an error of the driver of the tube train, who was killed. When his body was extricated, he still had his hand on the emergency brake.—Reuter's American Service.

## WATER SUPPLY

### More Restrictions in Force To-morrow

It is learned officially that the further restrictions on the supply of water will be enforced as from to-morrow, when the supply will be cut off both in Hong Kong and Kowloon from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. until further notice.

The rainfall for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.69 inch, making a total since January 1 of 3.56 inches, against an average of 11.61 inches for the same period.

## REPARATIONS

### GERMANS STILL HAGGLING OVER THEIR "INCAPACITY"

#### A CLOSING REPORT

##### Berlin Yesterday.

The Reichsbank President, Dr. Schacht, made it plain during a two hours' conference with the Chancellor, the Foreign, Finance and Economics Ministers, that in the present circumstances a resumption of the Paris negotiations for the purpose of reaching a definite reparations agreement is somewhat improbable and premature.

He will speak at the opening of the Diplomatic negotiations on reparations. It is understood that the closing report of the conference contains the unanimous German expert views on Germany's capacity to pay and her possible reparations payments.—Reuter.

## IRAQ DEFENCE

### SIGNIFICANCE OF BAGDAD'S NEW CABINET

#### THE DEFENCE MINISTER

##### Bagdad, Yesterday.

A new Cabinet has been formed under the Presidency of Tawfic Beg Swaidi, ex-Minister of Education.

A very significant appointment is that of Amin Zaki Seg, who was a Turkish officer in war time, as Defence Minister. He replaces General Nuri, a strong conscriptionist, while Zaki, his opponent, considers the solution of the problem of the defence of Iraq lies in military support from Great Britain over a long period.—Reuter.

The British Minister in Athens and the Greek Minister of Marine have signed an agreement for the despatch of a British Naval Mission to Greece for two years.

It is announced from Brussels that attempts will be made in July to establish a night aeroplane mail service between that city and London.

## "SQUEEZE RING" HAWKERS WHO ACTED AS COLLECTORS CONSTABLE CHARGED

### The Chinese hawkers who admitted last week that they had acted as collectors of money for a "Squeeze Ring" formed by Chinese constables attached to the Hawkers' Department of the Hong Kong Police, came up before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., for sentence this morning.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, who appeared for one of the accused, suggested that the accused should be bound over to come up for sentence if called upon, but added that the Police took the view that a fine would be better.

His Worship said that he would rather give another remand on small bail in view of another case, connected with this one, which was being heard by the First Magistrate. He (Major Willson) would like to see what transpired in that case before passing sentence.

#### The Police View

Replying that he was speaking for the Police, Mr. Loseby said that the latter were of the view that if the present case were dealt with right away, the accused would give evidence freely in the other case without a sentence hanging over their heads and he thought that the weight of the penalty would depend upon what evidence they were able to give.

Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds concurred with Mr. Loseby's remarks. He said that two of the four accused had promised to give evidence in the other case, and if they were dealt with now he felt sure that they would keep their word.

Replying to his Worship, the C.D.I. said that the prosecution alleged that this "squeeze" had been going on for about three months.

#### Could Not Help Themselves

Mr. Loseby asked his Worship in considering the penalty to bear in mind that the accused could not help themselves in the matter of acting as collectors for the constables. If they did not help the constables they were liable to be brought up by the constables on a false charge.

#### Case Against Constable

The case against Wong Kam-sing, a constable in the Hawkers' Department was then proceeded with before Mr. E. W. Hamilton in the First Court.

The charges against the accused were (1) conspiracy to make illegal extortion from hawkers; and (2) misconduct as a constable by accepting bribes.

C.D.I. Reynolds, who also prosecuted in this case, asked for leave to withdraw the first charge and proceed with the other.

This was granted. Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton, who appeared for the accused, entered a plea of "not guilty" on the remaining charge.

#### Case for Prosecution

Opening the case for the prosecution, the C.D.I. said that, following the receipt of information, the Police, with certain names and places in their possession, set a trap for the collectors of "squeeze" for the constables.

This "squeeze" was collected weekly, \$1 a week in the case of unlicensed hawkers and 80 cents a week in the case of licensed hawkers. When the licensed or unlicensed hawkers handed over the names, as the case might be, to the collectors, who in turn would give the hawkers a password which was changed each week. This password when repeated by the hawkers to the constables would make them immune from arrest.

The majority of the Hawkers' Department staff were concerned in the squeeze. The four men arrested as collectors were trapped by marked money which was given to Police informers to hand over to the collectors. Two detectives followed the informer and arrested the collectors as soon as the money changed hands. When arrested, these collectors had in their possession pieces

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## SAILOR FALLS FROM VERANDAH INSTANT DEATH

### BODY FOUND IN STREET AT NAVAL CANTEN

#### TRAGIC ACCIDENT

##### The body of Able Seaman Millard of H.M.S. "Marazion" was removed to the mortuary at the Naval Hospital at 4.25 this morning. It was found lying in the street outside the Naval Canteen, Praya East.

Apparently the unfortunate man had met his death by falling from the verandah of one of the upper floors of the Canteen.

At the time it was found the body was dressed in a singlet, a pair of shorts, socks and boot on one foot. Millard, who was 36 years of age, is understood to be unmarried, but had parents and other relatives in England with whom much sympathy will be felt on account of his tragic death.

There are no suspicious circumstances attached to the death, which is believed to be accidental. How long the body had been lying on the road before it was found by a Naval picket is not known.

Millard had hired a room in the Canteen at closing time last night, and on account of the heat had apparently repaired to the verandah to undress when the accident occurred, although how he could have fallen over is not apparent.

The funeral takes place this evening.

It is understood that an inquiry into the unfortunate man's death will be held in due course.

To meet the increased financial demands for educational purposes the city authorities of Rees, Lower Rhine, have decided to raise the local beer tax.

The Bishop of Southwark has consecrated the church of St. Philip and All Saints, North Sheen, S.W., built from a 16th-century barn at Oxted, Surrey.

of papers bearing the names and numbers of other hawkers who had paid "squeeze" money.

The accused was alleged to have on two occasions taken lump sums of money collected by the collectors during the week. He received this money at his house.

Missing from Duty

On the day of the arrest of the collectors, the accused was missing from duty from 9 a.m., and did not return until 4 o'clock. During the morning his wife had brought his revolver to the station, and in consequence of certain advice given to her by Inspector Field, the accused turned up in the afternoon.

The Magistrate asked if it was suggested that the accused was the only one concerned.

The C.D.I. replied that six other constables had absconded. Two of the collectors who were fined by Major Willson then gave evidence, alleging that they had each handed the takings to the accused once. One man said that Ah Loong, another constable who had absconded, appeared to be the ringleader and it was he who introduced witness to accused.

#### "Roast Goose and Macaroni"

This witness also caused much laughter when he said that he also knew the accused by the nickname of "Sien Ngo Fun" ("Roast Goose and Macaroni").

Inspector Field corroborated the C.D.I.'s opening statement about the accused being absent from duty between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., on the day of the collectors' arrest. Six others disappeared altogether and had not been seen again, whilst another two went on duty as usual at 9.30 a.m. There were only nine constables attached to the Hawkers' Department staff, and the accused was No. 1.

At one stage during the hearing of the case the Court was so filled by hawkers that his Worship remarked to the Court Sergeant: "Don't admit more people. The Court is quite full enough."

A little later his Worship directed that the wife of one of the two hawkers witnesses should be admitted and be given a seat in Court. The case was adjourned until to-morrow.



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Capons, Small	雞	"	56 23 30
Capons, Large	雞	"	68 28 30
Duck	肥鴨	"	36 22 21
Doves	斑鴿	each	— 22 21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	28 18 —
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	32 26 20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	65 36 24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	56 35 24
Geese	鴨	"	44 24 24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	58 80 —
"	白喉	"	46 28 —
Turkeys, Cock	公雞	lb.	68 — —
Turkeys, Hen	母雞	"	52 51 45
Snipe	鴉	each	20 — —
Pheasant	沙山鴉	pair	1.80 — —
Quail	鶉	each	32 — 2
Partridges	鶉	"	— — —

Fruits.				
Almonds .....	杏	仁	lb.	55 35 —
Apples (California) ..	金山	蘋果	"	22 24 —
Bananas (bride's) .....	蕉山	香蕉	"	5 4 —
Carambola .....	楊	桃	"	— 12 —
Cocoanuts .....	椰	子	each	14 10 10
Lemons, China .....	檸檬	檬	lb.	7 25 30
Lemons (America) ..	金山	檸檬	each	8 8 —
Lichees, Dried .....	荔枝	干	lb.	— 25 30
Oranges (Canton) .....	新會	甜橙	"	18 — —
Oranges .....	橙		"	24 — 15
Pears (Canton) .....	沙	梨	"	18 — —
Peanuts .....	花	生	"	14 10 12
Persimmons, Large ..	紅	柿	"	— 12 —
Plantain .....	蕉	蕉	"	5 8 —
Pumelo, Siam .....	暹	羅柚	each	15 12 6
Walnuts .....	胡桃	桃	lb.	18 — 16
Grapes .....	菩	提子	"	— — —

Vegetables, &c.			
Artichokes .....	鴨 芝	each	12 — 8
Beans, Sprout .....	芽 菜	lb.	5 — 7
" Long .....	長 豆	"	— 8 —
Bitter Root .....	紅 頭	"	12 — —
Bitter Squash .....	青 瓜	"	— 24 —
Brinjals, Green .....	青 瓜	"	8 5 8
" Red .....	紅 瓜	"	6 5 8
Cabbage, Chinese .....	紅 菜	"	8 — —
" (Shanghai) .....	紅 菜	"	12 12 —
Cane Shoots, bunch .....	椰 菜	"	— — —
Cauliflower (Large) .....	大 花	each	20 — —
" (Medium) .....	中 花	"	15 — —
" (Small) .....	細 花	"	12 6 6
Carrots .....	紅 菜	lb.	7 6 8
Celery, Chinese .....	菜 心	"	10 10 6
Chillies, Dried .....	奧 椒	"	18 25 5
" Red .....	紅 椒	"	10 10 16
" Green .....	青 椒	"	8 8 12
Curry Stuff, English .....	椰 菜	"	10 8 —
Cumbers .....	青 瓜	"	16 2 —
Garlic .....	蒜 頭	"	8 6 6
Ginger, Young .....	薑 仔	"	8 7 —
" Old .....	老 薑	"	10 10 —
Horseradish, Shanghai .....	菜 心	"	30 8 4
Indian Corn .....	粟 米	"	8 45 —
Lettuce .....	生 菜	"	6 1 —
Water Chestnuts .....	鮮 菇	"	10 — 8
" Mandarin .....	桂 草	"	— 8 —
Mushrooms, Fresh .....	鮮 菇	"	— 8 —
Okros .....	菜 心	"	— 1 10
Onions, Bombay .....	洋 蔥	"	10 8 3
" Green .....	生 蔥	"	7 4 6
" Shanghai .....	上海 蔥	"	8 6 —
Parsley .....	香 芹	"	10 60 8
Potato, Sweet .....	芋 頭	"	5 8 —
" Japanese .....	日本 芋	"	5 8 —
" American .....	金山 芋	"	5 3 —
Pumpkin .....	冬 瓜	"	5 4 4
Radish .....	紅 菜	"	5 — —
Rhubarb (Fresh) .....	大 芥	"	15 — 10
Shallots .....	蔥	"	8 — 8
Spinach .....	菜 心	"	5 8 —
Tomatoes .....	茄 子	"	8 2 —
Taros .....	芋 頭	"	4 7 —
Turnips, Puntí (Long) .....	芋 頭	"	5 6 —
Vegetable Marrow .....	西 蘭	"	— 4 —
Water Cress .....	洋 菜	"	5 15 —
Water Lily Root .....	蓮 藕	"	4 6 —

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commencing at 11 a.m.,  
at "Dunbar House," No. 11,  
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A Quantity of  
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE.

(Catalogues will be issued.)  
On View from Tuesday, April  
30, 1929.

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LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.  
Hong Kong, April 27, 1929.

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Curtains, Carpets, etc., etc.  
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Chairs, Teak Sideboard, Dinner  
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Ware, Dinner Crockery, etc., etc.  
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Ferns.

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Hong Kong, April 24, 1929.

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ON  
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Curtains, Underwood Typewriters,  
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Chairs, Sideboards, Dinner  
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Tables, etc., etc.

On View from Wednesday, May  
1, 1929.

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Table, Dining Chairs, Glass  
Cabinet, Fine Tientsin Carpets,  
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LAMMERT BROS.,  
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Hong Kong, 27th April, 1929.

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HAROLD T. CREASY,  
Director of Public Works.  
Hong Kong, April 29, 1929.

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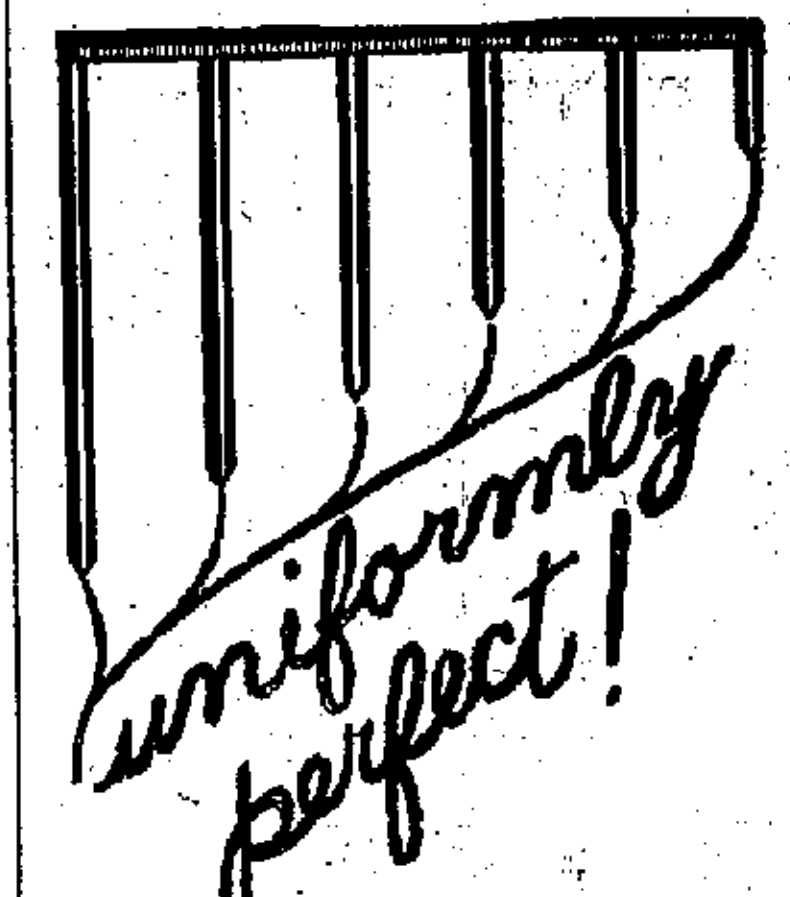
### NOTICE.

HONG KONG & KOWLOON  
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THE QUANTITY OF WATER  
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fallen so low that further restric-  
tive measures are under considera-  
tion, and should an adequate rain-  
fall not occur before the end of  
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### SUDDEN CHANGE

TAKING OVER CONTROL OF  
SHANTUNG

### FENG DISAPPOINTED?

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
According to reports from Tai-  
nan a sudden change has been  
ordered in the programme for the  
taking over of Tsinan and the re-  
gion along the Shantung Railway  
by the Government forces on the  
withdrawal of the Japanese forces.

Tsinan, which was formerly  
designated for garrisoning by Chen  
Hsin-ming, will be taken over in-  
stead by the 45th division under  
Fong Chen-wu, whose forces will  
also garrison the territory east of  
Weihsien in conjunction with Liu  
Chen-nien.—Reuter.

Kuomintang Withdrawal

Peking, Yesterday.  
A message from Tsinan says it  
is reliably reported that Sun Liang-  
chen is now at Kaifeng. All the

### DON'T WASTE WATER!

Kuomintang troops in Shantung are  
rapidly withdrawing to Hunan via  
the Lunghai Railway.

Official circles here hint that if  
Sun Liang-chien's resignation is  
accepted, he will be succeeded by  
Fong Chen-wu.—Reuter.

Chiang Kai-shek's View

Hankow, Yesterday.

It is understood that, interview-  
ing Hsueh Tu-pi, who is Feng Yu-  
hsiang's pro tem representative,  
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek stated  
that the detailing of troops to take  
over control from the Japanese in  
Shantung had not precluded Feng  
Yu-hsiang from sending a repre-  
sentative force to Tsinan; there-  
fore, though Feng Yu-hsiang's force  
had been given control from Tsinan  
to Weihsien, and Chiang Kai-shek's  
own forces eastward from Weihsien  
to Tsinan, it was intimated that,  
if necessary, part of Feng Yu-  
hsiang's troops should have been  
asked to proceed to Tsinan also.—  
Reuter.

The "Chefoo" War

Chefoo, Yesterday.  
Chu Yu-pu's wing of the North-  
erners is still holding out at  
Fushanhsien, but is expected to  
capitulate to Liu Chen-nien's Na-  
tionalists shortly.

Some fighting is reported at  
Kwanghsien, where Chang Tsung-  
chang's Northerners have raised  
the Nationalist flag, but are  
still opposed to Liu Chen-nien. No  
missionaries have been molested.

Liu Chen-nien received a fresh  
supply of munitions from Tientsin  
on April 24. He is retaining all  
the revenues collected here for the  
 upkeep of his forces. The goods  
tax was re-imposed on April 24.

Chang Tsung-chang has left  
Lungkow, accompanied by several  
thousands of soldiers, and is re-  
ported to be now occupying the  
islands off Penglai.—Reuter.

### DENTISTS TO-DAY

THE VISIT NO LONGER FULL  
OF TERRORS

### "TREAT" FOR THE YOUNG

A visit to the dentist is almost  
a treat to the modern child, writes a  
mother to the "Manchester  
Guardian."

I am taking my youngest for his  
quarterly inspection, to make sure  
that all his teeth are behaving pro-  
perly. It is one of his favourite  
"outs." He sits in the charming  
waiting-room, enjoying the feast of  
illustrated papers, preparatory to  
exploring the dentist's magic room.  
How different from our youthful  
feelings of despairing resignation!

It was a horrid ordeal in those  
days, coming as it did as a climax  
to days of toothache. Swollen face  
and jumping nerves had worn us  
down. All the time-honoured re-  
medies had been used—rinsings of  
infused camomile or poppy-heads  
inside, flannel bandages outside.  
Doses of quinine had been given in  
vain.

First teeth were never filled, so  
a visit to the dentist was always  
the prelude to an extraction. The  
weary time of waiting was passed  
in a dingy room; the furniture was  
horsehair, so scratchy to bare legs;  
there was nothing to make us for-  
get our gloomy forebodings except  
piles of dusty old "Punches." We  
could not even look out of the  
window with any pleasure, for wire  
blinds turned all the world to a  
blackish-brown.

The dentist himself matched his  
surroundings, his hands as well as  
his shabby frock-coat perfumed  
with cigar smoke. No sterilizing of  
instruments took place. There was  
no enchanting array of glittering  
tools. Just a ponderous joke or  
two before he produced the gag.

### With Or Without

There was always a strong in-  
ward struggle as we took our seat.  
"With gas" cost more than "with-  
out." The brave child got a shilling  
for her very own if she could en-  
dure the wrench, but the flesh was  
often weak.

"With gas" was not a pleasant  
operation. All too often the ap-  
paratus was faulty. Deep breaths  
were taken obediently and we went  
heavily to sleep. But always there  
came the same ghastly nightmare,  
when, fastened by the aching tooth  
to an express train, we whirled  
along at a furious pace until the  
shriek of the engine merged into  
one's own scream and, awakening  
to a glass of water, one went home  
sobbing, but thankful, to a bowl of  
bread and milk.

My youngest reluctantly leaves  
the delights of the dentist's room.  
He loves the little crystal basin  
where the water swirls, wants to  
know the "why" and the "how" of  
the electric drill, and is fascinated  
by the rows of little picks and files  
on their glass shelves. He has no  
fear of what has never hurt him.  
There is nothing here but food for  
his eager intelligence. Incredibly  
fortunate, he was born to a  
toothache-less age.

### HUNAN "BANDITS"

SPELL DANGER TO FOREIGN  
MISSIONARIES

### TROOPS TO THE RESCUE

Hankow, Yesterday.  
The Passionist Procurator here  
has received word that the bodies  
of the three murdered American  
priests have been recovered, though  
details as to their killing are not yet  
available.

Conditions seem very bad in  
this section of Hunan for, according  
to advices received by the local  
Foreign Affairs Bureau, the lives of  
three American and two British  
missionaries were threatened by  
bandits near Taoyuan, and the au-  
thorities here have telegraphed to  
Taoyuan ordering troops to be  
despatched to the rescue.

The term "bandits" in both these  
cases must be given a broad im-  
plication. They may be Com-  
munists or straggling troops, with  
which the province is over-run.—  
Reuter.

### EXTRALITY NOTES

CHINA'S REQUEST TO SIX  
COUNTRIES

### CONSULAR JURISDICTION

Nanking, Yesterday.

It is reported authoritatively  
that identical Notes on the abolition  
of Consular jurisdiction in China  
have been despatched by the For-  
eign Ministry to the British,  
French, Dutch, American, Brazilian  
and Norwegian Ministers.

The text of the communication is  
to be released for publication at the  
end of this week.—Reuter.

### Extrality Issue

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Prior to leaving for Nanking this  
evening, Dr. C. T. Wang stated that  
the Foreign Ministry on April 27  
despatched Notes to Britain, the  
United States, the Netherlands,  
France, Norway and Brazil request-  
ing them to authorise their  
diplomatic representatives in China  
to take up with him the question of  
abolition of extrality.

Dr. Wang added that the text of  
the Notes would be published on  
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NEW YORK via PANAMA.  
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Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.  
SANTOS MARU ..... Friday, 17th May.  
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.  
HONOLULU MARU ..... Saturday, 4th May.  
SUMATRA MARU ..... Sunday, 19th May.  
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR  
& MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.  
MEXICO MARU ..... Thursday, 2nd May.  
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.  
SEATTLE MARU ..... Thursday, 2nd May.  
KASADO MARU ..... Saturday, 18th May.  
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports  
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.  
HIMALAYA MARU ..... Wednesday, 8th May.  
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.  
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi & Pakhoi.  
MENADO MARU ..... Thursday, 9th May 10 a.m.  
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.  
HAGUE MARU ..... Wednesday, 15th May.  
JAPAN PORTS.  
BATAVIA MARU ..... Sunday, 5th May.  
ALTAI MARU ..... Wednesday, 15th May.  
AEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 5th May 8 p.m.  
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
DELI MARU ..... Thursday, 2nd May noon.  
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SANUKI MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd May.  
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The Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, said that it was getting quite common for vessels plying in the harbour to have a total disregard for the safety of other people's lives. It was a dangerous practice and it must be stopped, he said.

With these words, he admonished Low Man, owner of the steam launch "Yuen Hing," who was charged with allowing the launch to be under way in the harbour without having on board any life-bells.

On the accused admitting the charge, his Worship said that it was a very serious offence, and whenever such cases were brought to his notice, he had always dealt with them severely. It was getting too common and must be stopped. He fined accused \$100.

Another Case  
"This is another case of endangering other people's lives," said his Worship when Ho Mai, master of a coolie boat, was charged with having on board his craft 18 passengers in excess of the number he was allowed to carry.

Accused was fined \$50 for three weeks' imprisonment.

Yet Another!  
Chan Fu-chuen was another boatman called, and the charge against him was that of carrying 30 passengers in excess. Accused said that a launch was towing his junk and he thought that there was no danger.

"This is no excuse. You should know better than to risk other people's lives," sternly admonished the Magistrate.

Accused was fined \$50. No permission.  
For boarding the s.s. "Shinyo Maru" without permission from the officers of the ship, a Chinese coolie was fined \$10.

### F.B.I. AND THE "CHUNNEL"

The Transport Committee of the Federation of British Industries, if it does not express optimism, at least welcomes the Government's promise to submit the scheme to thorough investigation, and expressed the hope that this investigation will be particularly directed to the economic, commercial and international aspects of the proposal, the probable cost of construction and maintenance, the probable revenue-earning capacity, and the probable effect on the volume and character of passenger and goods traffic between Great Britain and the Continent.

Secondary Considerations  
So far as one can gather from City people, and from what one reads in the form of Press letters and quasi-public resolutions, the classes of people who favour the building of the Tunnel are persons who have special interests of really secondary kind to serve. In some respects these advantages are hardly less important than the mal-de-mer contingent. No effective argument has so far been advanced in favour of the project, and it seems already certain that the present House of Commons will not accept it. As stated here, when the movement was again revived some weeks ago, there was a similar demand for the "Chunnel" so far back as 1903, when the late King Edward was promoting the Entente in Paris. The soundest opinion, not only in Britain, but also in France, was then against the project, which then really possessed a better chance of being carried through than it does now.

### WARSHIPS HERE

The following men-of-war are at present in the harbour:  
South Wall Basin: "Seamew," "East Wall Basin: "Thracian" and "Somme."  
North Arm: "Titanis" and S/Ms. "Franco."  
West Wall Dock: "Cornwall."  
In Dock: "Marazion," L20, and "Poet Chaucer."  
Kovlon Anchorage: "Khaki," "Porter," No. 1 Buoy, "Hermes," No. 2 Buoy, "Belgol," No. 9 Buoy, "Sepoy" and "Seraph," No. 10 Buoy, "Serapis," No. 12 Buoy, "Sterling," No. 13 Buoy, "Bruce."  
Foreign Man-of-War U.S.S. "Gum."

### MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of France" from Hong Kong on April 10, arrived at Vancouver on April 27.

The B.L. s.s. "Takliwa" left Kobe for this port on April 26 a.m., and is due here on May 1, p.m.

Projected arrival at and departure from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:

Arrival at Hong Kong  
The s.s. "City of Newcastle" from New York via Suez, May 1.  
Departure from Hong Kong  
The s.s. "City of Delhi" for Singapore and U.K., May 9.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Geneser" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 1.  
Consignees of cargo ex M.V. "Romolo" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 3.  
Consignees of cargo ex C.S. "Rosandra" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 8.

### SEA PASSENGERS

DEPARTURES FROM COLONY EXCEED ARRIVALS

### OCEAN SHIPS ONLY

The passenger traffic for the week ended April 27 show that the departures from the Colony by ocean-going steamers exceeded the arrivals by over 2,900. Only in the traffic carried by river steamers and launches is the situation reversed. Below are given the figures as issued by the Harbour Office:

	Arrival	Departures
Ocean going steamers	13,184	15,060
River steamers	24,250	24,206
Launches and junks	487	387
	37,921	40,263

### MERSEY CHANNEL

AN ACTION AGAINST THE COMMISSIONERS

The hearing of the Admiralty action brought by the owners of the schooner "Englishman," 117 tons, for damages for the grounding of that vessel on a sandbank in the Upper Mersey, against the Upper Mersey Navigation Commissioners, was resumed at the Liverpool Court of Passage before the Deputy Judge (Mr. Ross Brown, K.C.), on whom sat Captain Graves as assessor.

The action was brought for breach of duty in failing to mark or buoy a channel near Hale Head, in the upper reaches of the Mersey. The river there was very wide and at high tide looked like a "huge lake," so that channels were not visible to the eye, and it was absolutely indispen-

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sable they should be properly buoyed. On July 4 last, the "Englishman," in tow of the steam tug "Aviator," left Weston Lock-bound for the Sloyne. About that time the Commissioners had started moving the channel buoys because an old channel had silted up, and they issued a notice to mariners that a new channel would be marked for navigation in a certain manner, prescribed, and owing to the channel being insufficiently buoyed, the schooner ran aground on Dungeon Sandbank, about a quarter of a mile from Hale Head lighthouse.

Mr. Gething, instructed by Messrs. Alsop, Stevens, and Collin Robinson, was counsel for the owners, and Mr. Sellers, instructed by Mr. P. N. Stone, for the Commissioners.  
"Mr. Sellers contended that the channel was adequately and safely worked, and that the schooner failed to keep a good lookout, and was going at an excessive speed.

Superintendent's Evidence  
Commander Rosseter, superintendent of the Commissioners, examined by Mr. Sellers, deposed that the buoying of the new channel on July 3, and was continued on July 4. Visibility was quite clear. The "Loch Elvie" came down this new channel and other traffic. There was no difficulty in the vessel negotiating the channel. Witness hailed the "Englishman," the Commissioners' steamer, to assist by taking the rope astern, but they did not hear him. He proceeded along the shore abreast of the "Englishman." By that time the "Aviator" was in the act of letting go the tow line, the "Lady Windsor" lowering a boat to pick him up on shore, and at the same time taking the tow line from the "Englishman." The "Aviator" was proceeding astern of the "Englishman," and obtained a rope from the "Englishman's" starboard quarter, and commenced to go about 60 degrees on the starboard side of the "Englishman's" fore and aft line. That did not move the "Englishman" at all. Because of the speed of the vessel and embedding her keel and bottom into the bank, there was only one way possible, and that was to tow direct astern in the opposite direction to which she grounded. The nature of the ground which she grounded was soft. In his opinion she went aground at minimum half-speed.

How was the "Englishman," when grounding, bearing from Hale Head Lighthouse?—Bearing west by south, as there was any damage, what was the cause?—The strain brought about by evolution (in towing) in the endeavour to get her into deep water.

What should have been done when the "Englishman" grounded?—Witness let go the tow-line and taken up a position astern.

Notice to Mariners  
By Mr. Gething.—Do you consider it your duty to give notice to mariners about the river of the channels of which you are in charge?—No.

Supposing the old southern channel silted up and a new channel north of it was opened, what would be your duty?—It is not my duty to give notice to vessels using the river, but is a fact I do so regularly when necessary.

If the notice is not carried out it is dangerous?—Not necessarily dangerous.

Witness considered the channel adequately buoyed. Five additional buoys had been placed there from Hale Head to the Dungeon sandbank—after the grounding of the "Englishman." He considered one buoy sticking out of the water about eight feet was a sufficient guide to navigators coming down the river by the channel. The buoys as placed in position on June 9 showed one course only, and not three. He buoyed the channel in accordance with his notice to mariners. He did not place all the new buoys on June 9, as he was delayed. He did not agree that if one side of the channel was fully buoyed on July 4, it would have been a good guide to navigation. At this stage the Court adjourned.

### SKIPPER FINED

FAILED TO NOTIFY ARRIVAL IN HARBOUR

MR. JONES PAYS \$50

Pleading guilty to a charge of failing to notify to the Harbour Master on arrival of his ship within a specified time, Capt. T. Jones, master of the s.s. "Cheun Chow," was fined \$50 or three weeks' imprisonment by the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole at the Marine Court this morning.

It was stated that the "Cheun Chow" arrived here at 11.30 a.m. on April 27, and did not report her arrival within a specified time. Capt. Jones said that the offence was committed through an oversight on the part of his shipping clerk.

### FLEET MOTOR BOATS

THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY'S POLICY

The Admiralty is still continuing its policy of replacing the pulling boats of the Fleet by motorboats as fast as can conveniently be managed, always making allowance for the necessity of keeping well-trained pulling men in the various ships. Perkins, of Whitstable, a yard which used to be fully employed in turning out small fishing craft for oyster dredging and similar employment, is now kept busy on Admiralty motorboats and has just carried out a series of trials with a new 30-foot motorboat equipped with a paraffin instead of a petrol engine which appears to be exceedingly useful for general utility work such as naval boats are usually employed upon during peace time. For this boat no great speed is desired, and there is no idea of replacing the smaller steam launches that do picket and other duties, but it is a very handy boat for taking ashore liberty men or for jobs of that sort. Messrs. Thornycroft, of Woolston, who are principally known in naval circles for building first-class destroyers and rapidly fast coastal motorboats, have also turned their attention to the design and construction of motorboats for ships' use and have recently tried a number of Admiralty barges which have paraffin engines driving twin screws and are capable of twelve knots in any circumstances. Happily, the sporting interest in pulling is increasing rather than decreasing with this opportunity of general service and it is to be hoped that this tendency will survive.

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### MR. BRIDGEMAN

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, recently paid a visit to the combined fleet at Gibraltar.

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MOREA	10,353	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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DELTA	8,097	8th June	Marseilles, London & Hull.
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TALMA	10,000	9th June <td>Singapore, Penang &amp; Calcutta.</td>	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHIA	7,754	4th July <td>Singapore, Penang &amp; Calcutta.</td>	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKIWA	7,936	10th July <td>Singapore, Penang &amp; Calcutta.</td>	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th July <td>Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney &amp; Melbourne.</td>	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
ARAFURA	6,000	2nd Aug. <td>Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney &amp; Melbourne.</td>	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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DELTA	8,097	7th	May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	19th	May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Y'hama & Osaka.
—	—	14th	May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*ROSSINGTON				
COURT	—	21st	May	Sh'ai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
*GURNA	5,248	22nd	May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	24th	May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	4th	June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	7,754	5th	June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Y'hama & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	7th	June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*TILSINGTON		10th	June	
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*MIRZAPORE	6,715	10th	June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th May, 1929, or they will not be recognised.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th inst. at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

LYOED TRIESTINO NAVIGATION  
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The Chartered Steamship, "ROSANDRA"

arrived from Trieste and ports on the 27th April, 1929, and in consequence of fire on board whilst en route to the Far East, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that a General Average has been declared. It is, therefore, necessary for the Average Bond to be signed, and a deposit of 25 per cent. paid on the market value of the goods on arrival.

All goods are being landed at consignees' risk into the non-hazardous, hazardous &/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

All damaged cargo will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on 1st May, 1929, at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd May, 1929, will be subject to rent.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

LYOED TRIESTINO NAVIGATION  
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The Motor Vessel, "ROMOLO"

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## HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the results of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doherty during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon, but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

April 26 to May 2, 1924.

DATE HIGH-WATER LOWER-WATER

April Standard Times Standard Times

Fri. 26 m 10 16 6.7 m 4 10 2.9

Sat. 27 m 0 21 4.4 m 4 24 2.8

Sun. 28 m 10 26 6.8 m 4 29 1.3

Mon. 29 m 10 36 6.7 m 4 34 1.2

Tues. 30 m 11 24 6.6 m 4 39 1.5

Wed. 31 m 11 34 6.4 m 4 44 1.8

Thurs. 1 m 11 44 6.1 m 4 49 1.9

May 2 m 12 59 5.9 m 4 54 2.1

A report that disturbances had occurred in Aleppo is contradicted in Paris. It is declared that tranquillity prevails all over Syria.

## INTERFERENCE?

"CHARLES HARDOUN" CASE  
MAY BE RE-HEARD

### LEGAL GROUNDS

This morning Mr. Leo d'Almada made an application to the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court for the re-hearing of the case in which Mr. A. G. Corbin, chief officer of the "Charles Hardoun," charged Chow Jar-hoo, manager of the same vessel for interfering with him whilst in the execution of his duty.

The case, it will be remembered, came before the Marine Court on Tuesday last, and the accused was fined \$1,000. Evidence was

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to the effect that Mr. Corbin was on the bridge during a voyage from Wuchow to Hong Kong, and when passing Pillar Point, he thought it was necessary to slow down in view of other vessels steaming ahead of the "Charles Hardoun." It was alleged that the accused came on the bridge and ordered Mr. Corbin to speed up again. This order was refused by Mr. Corbin and, as a result, he was dismissed from service the following day.

This morning in making the application, Mr. d'Almada said that he was doing so under Section 96 of the Magistrates' Ordinance, both on legal grounds and on circumstances.  
His Worship said that he had recorded the fact that Mr. d'Almada had made an application for re-hearing of the case in question, and he would adjourn the case sine die for consideration.

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Stockholm, March 6.  
The longest submarine telephone cable in the world is the one recently laid between Sweden and Finland, connecting Stockholm with Aabo. The whole cable distance is 242 kilometres, of which 212 kilometres length is marine cable, the total weight being 2,000 tons. The thickness of the cable is 45 mm on the Swedish side and 50 mm on the Finnish side. It contains 32 copper wires, spun together four and four into eight four-wire conductors. Seven of these are intended for an equal number of calls on the four-wire principle between Sweden and Finland, the eighth trunk permitting two calls on the two-wire principle between Aaland and the mainland of Finland and Sweden.

## WATER SUPPLY

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on April 1, 1929.—

### CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1928	1929
Tytam .....	1510' 21" 1" B	21' 1" B
Tytam Byewash .....	22' 6" B	24' 10" B
Tytam Intermediate .....	22' 6" B	3' 0" B
Tytam Tak .....	43' 1" B	99' 11" B
Wong Nei Chung .....	22' 8" B	35' 6" B
Pokfulum .....	21' 8" B	30' 7" B

[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow." L denotes "Level with Overflow."] Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.

	1928	1929
Tytam .....	283.92	229.27
Tytam Byewash .....	1.67	.73
Tytam Intermediate .....	91.40	179.30
Tytam Tak .....	678.75	38.42
Wong Nei Chung .....	6.09	1.88
Pokfulum .....	21.15	7.00

Total ..... 964.98 | 457.20 |

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1928	1929
Consumption .....	218.57	175.38
Estimated population .....	420,520	420,840
Consumption per head per day .....	16.7	15.1

Intermittent Supply in all Elder Main Districts during March 1929. Services to houses in the Elder Main Districts were discontinued and a supply was given by public street fountains, only during March 1929.

### KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir .....	11' 3" B	32' 5" B
Shek-Lai-Pui Reservoir .....	2' 0" B	11' 9" B
Reception Reservoir .....	91' 1" B	3' 2" B

Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir .....	245.40	99.25
Shek-Lai-Pui Reservoir .....	103.00	72.04
Reception Reservoir .....	30.73	24.95

Total ..... 384.13 | 197.24 |

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1928	1929
Consumption .....	91.45	109.14
Estimated population .....	164,440	169,480
Consumption per head per day .....	17.9	20.7

Full Supply in all districts during March 1928 and 1929.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.  
Total rainfall to March 31, 1929, 10.64; March 31, 1928, 2.02.

## "JUNK MURDER"

EVIDENCE OPENS AGAINST A FOKI

### ACCUSED'S DENIAL

Yesterday afternoon the hearing of the "Junk Murder" case was continued by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy.

Chung Pin, father of the two dead girls, gave evidence bearing out Mr. Somersel Fitzroy's opening statement. When he was shown a torn jacket, he identified it as the garment worn by the accused foki (Chau Kau) when he left the junk on the day of the murder (March 18). It then had a tear in one shoulder as on the one produced in Court.

Mr. Fitzroy explained to his Worship that that jacket was found in the sampan near the body of one of the murdered girls.

Asked to question his employer, accused said: "It is not my affair. It was Wong Yau who did it."

Replying to Mr. Hamilton, Chung Pin said that he had never seen the man named by accused, nor had he heard of him.

Dr. John Dovey, Government Medical Officer at the Kowloon mortuary gave evidence as to the injuries on the two murdered girls.

A knife was produced in Court, the point of which was slightly turned up and Dr. Dovey said that the turned up point would be consistent with hitting the vertebral column.

The knife was found on board the sampan 24 hours after the tragedy.

Dr. Dovey added that the turned up point of the knife was indeed most significant.

## PASSENGER LISTS.

### DEPARTURES

Per Dollar Liner "President Pierce" for Shanghai and Seattle, April 30:—

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The award of the Air Force Cross to Squadron Leader G. E. Livock, D.F.C., was announced in the New Year Honours List. Squadron Leader Livock is at present in command of the R.A.F. flying boat squadron at Seletar, and was second-in-command during the flying boats' cruise from England to Australia, back to Singapore, and to Hong Kong and back.

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### PEACE, NOT COMPROMISE

If a single authority prevails in a country, there will be peace. If two rival authorities exist, clashes are bound to occur in that country. If two or more authorities existing in a country—such as China—can be amalgamated before they are in a position to oppose each other, a peaceful reign will be possible. Hence, if further civil war is to be avoided in China, the nation must see to the centralisation of authority. In amalgamating all authorities into a single unit, emphasis must be laid on its being done before the diverse authorities have attained the position of rivalry toward each other. And the amalgamation must not be a compromise only, but should be so effected that the two or more factions are mingled together without the slightest distinction, thus rendering war impossible, or at least unlikely. When two factions have reached a position to challenge or threaten each other, whatever means are adopted by peace-makers in their endeavour to avoid war—"avoid" because they are powerless to prevent it—the best result they can achieve cannot be more than a patched-up peace for the time being only, and war will inevitably break out in the end until one of the factions is vanquished.

Take, for instance, the so-called Kwangsi military group. It has been defeated in the field and, by one means or another, three of the four provinces under its control have been wrested from its leaders by supporters of the National Government in Nanking. But one province remains to the group, that of Kwangsi itself, and

the sequel is a mild under-current of uneasiness as to the future in South China, merely because the issue has not been taken to a definite conclusion.

One reason why the Nationalist Army—and particularly its units, whether they be called group armies or divisions—must be under the control of the people is that the personal whims and dictates of Generals cannot be gratified; and jealousies not aroused to provoke civil war. With the army under its sole control, if only through the medium of the Kuomintang, the nation can prevent the growth of dual or multiple authority within the realm and do so as effectively as occasion may demand. This principle can hardly apply to China to-day, since the revolution has derived its power and strength from various changing sources from the very beginning. It now remains for all "participants of power" (to borrow a unique Chinese phrase) and individuals of influence to recognise this most important principle and act in accord therewith by devoting their brawn and brain to the cause of the country, at the same time banishing their suspicions and selfishness. Once they do this, China will have permanently got rid of civil turmoil, say what will—the "Christian General" or Chiang Kai-shek as to who will keep out of Nanking or go abroad in the near future—surely the most childish manner of politely expressing discontent with each other.

### Bias Bay Wireless

It is good to read that the Chinese are at last doing something of a really practical nature towards helping to uproot the pirates, who have for far too long infested Bias Bay. We are now informed that Chinese officials, probably under the inspiration of the powers-that-be in Canton, have installed a wireless station on the summit of a hill adjacent to Bias Bay, and that the station has been functioning for some time past. We read that the station "may be found to be of exceptional value in the case of a piracy where the ship is taken to Bias Bay." And it is added (with a certain amount of unconvincing humour, it seems to us) "provided of course that the pirate leaders do not discover it for themselves and dismantle it." We are inclined to think there is very good reason for such a fear, as Bias Bay pirates, in spite of their many other bad qualities, have not so far shown themselves as inordinately stupid. They probably know quite as much about wireless and its potential dangers to them even better than the Chinese officials responsible for the station's erection. We read that the station is situated on what was formerly a fortification, and if the officials would act wisely they had better see to it that the place continues to be well

fortified. Even though the station may not prove to be so useful as all law-abiding folk will hope, still, it points to the pleasing fact that the Chinese, like foreigners, realise the necessity of coping as drastically as possible with the Bias Bay piratical pests.

Science has to deal with non-material physical entities like electricity and light, which cannot be explained in terms of matter, and which demand some intermediate medium of limitless extent, filling up all the interstices between the atoms. Of such a medium, which is called ether, we have witness already, and presently it will begin to yield its secrets. — "Morning Post" (London).

The seventh annual athletic sports meeting of the Cheung Chau Government School will be held on Saturday, when Mrs. Southern will present the prizes.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. G. E. Ahwee, merchant, Prince Edward-road, Kowloon City, to Mrs. R. Zimmerman, No. 325, Kowloon Tong.

A collision involving tramcars Nos. 67 and 71, a motor lorry, and a hand cart occurred yesterday opposite the Wing Lok wharf. One of the trams was slightly damaged, but no one was injured.

No damage was caused when two motor cars, one a private car and the other a public vehicle, collided in Causeway-road. The speed of the two vehicles was moderate as both were passing each other at a narrow section of the road.

The Police yesterday received a report from Sanitary Inspector Strange that a syphon dome was stolen from the latrine at the junction of Garden-road, and Queen's-road. A strange thing for anyone to take a fancy to!

The scaffolding erected outside the old Hong Kong Hotel site collapsed last night at 8.30, falling on Des Voeux-road Central thus causing a temporary suspension of the tram service. The debris, however, was soon cleared and the trams resumed their run.

The Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell, chaplain to His Majesty's forces stationed here, and formerly acting head master of the Central British School, is leaving for home on holiday by the s.s. "Empress of Russia," to-morrow. Mr. Upsdell, who is accompanied by his wife and son, is proceeding via Canada.

Des Voeux-road Central was the scene of a collision between a motor cycle and a public car yesterday. As both vehicles were going slowly at the time the impact was not heavy and neither vehicle was damaged. The driver of the public car who reported the accident to the Police said that the cycle was driven by a European.

Twenty-three Chinese fishery folk are reported to have all succumbed to poisoning after partaking of an evening meal which included a curiously shaped fish which was caught earlier in the day in the vicinity of Chung-chau. The story was brought to Hong Kong late last night by passengers from Cheung-chau, who stated that the fish was of a species never before seen in these waters.

An unusual accident occurred in Kowloon yesterday. A motor lorry conveying iron bars to the Observatory was ascending the hill when its gear slipped and the vehicle ran downward. The driver applied the brake, but this did not hold the lorry, which collided with Dr. F. M. Graca Ozorio's motor car, which was parked outside Observatory Building. Slight damage was done to the car.

Captain R. M. Bakewell, of the Somerset Light Infantry, was yesterday fined \$20 by Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy for driving a car recklessly. Capt. Bakewell said that on April 9 he and two friends were in a hurry to catch the last ferry over to Stonecutters, but he drove dangerously. He had been a car for 14 years without having had trouble. Sergeant Saxin said that defendant was driving at a speed of approximately 55 miles per hour.

Passengers who left by the "President Pierce" for Shanghai or America to-day included:—Mr. Earl F. Baskley, pilot representative of the Mahoney-Ryan Aircraft Corporation, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. Graham Black, of the F.M.S. Civil Service, returning home to Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Crane Williams, travelling home to Europe via the U.S. (Mr. Crane Williams is a Director of the Austin Motor Co.); and Mr. E. R. Arns, commercial representative, returning home to Europe via the U.S.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### SOME SUGGESTIONS

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]  
Sir,—Will you be kind enough to allow me space for the following few observations.

The state of the main street leading from the Yaumati Ferry to Nathan-road and around the Yaumati Police Court and the Market, is little short of a scandal. For many months now this main street with its side arms as above, is left in an unfinished state showing several long patches of asphalted surface, whilst the remainder is left covered with innumerable sharp-edged stones which make the walking on it even in leather shoes painful and uncomfortable. But what about the many thousands of Chinese who have to use this main street daily on their way to and from the Ferry and the Market, many of whom are cargo coolies in bare feet carrying heavy loads on bamboo poles. The state of this main road is a veritable daily torture to them and to all who have to use it. May this letter serve to remedy this long standing neglect and bring about the covering of the road for its entire length and breadth with a smooth asphalt surface without delay.

I feel it my duty to herewith voice the opinion of a good number of citizens that the "Blinking Light" Signal Post near the Post Office had better not be re-

### DON'T WASTE WATER!

erected. There can be little doubt that it does irritate and distract pedestrians and drivers with its blinks at such long intervals. If a red light on a post is necessary at this spot, which many doubt, as a traffic signal visible from all sides and of a shape intelligible to all, would be of far greater effect—let us at least have a permanent red light non-blinking, and non-irritating which does not produce that distracting effect, which has caused a driver to steer right into it and to knock it down.

What every decent town and also Hong Kong really needs, is a whole net of municipally-operated normal time clocks operated by electricity. This is a public need of first necessity, and this scheme should be brought up for discussion at an early moment before the right authorities. In the meanwhile public enterprise could do much to donate at least one town clock, near the Post Office, as above, by either starting a public collection, or approach one or the other of our wealthy "Town Fathers" to present a Town Clock to the city in his own name and for its commemoration. Such clock would then be known throughout all posterity as the "N.N." Clock, which would richly reward the generosity of its donor. Would any of our leading British or Chinese newspapers and energetically support and propagandise the scheme till it is brought to a successful end?

Will anyone versed in technical and local matters kindly state whether it would be possible and practicable to erect in Hong Kong a vegetable disinfecting station? The demand for more and sanitary vegetables is daily on the increase, and something should be done to provide the consumer with good produce answering his needs.

I noticed that none of our street and underground retrades possesses ventilation chimneys reaching above the roofs of houses in the neighbourhood, and the pregnant smell is allowed to float about and thoroughly envelop the whole neighbourhood. This is an appalling anti-sanitary state and cannot be tolerated much longer. For instance, the stink emanating from the underground retrade at the foot of Pottinger-street and Queen's-road corner, also from the retrade below King's College is at times dreadful. They are both situated in thickly populated areas and at main thoroughfares. A suitable and effective system of ventilation by high air chimneys should be introduced without delay, not only at the two named spots, but at every public retrade.

Whilst our good city has not yet a "Town Clock," it seems that it can be proud of a "Town Garbage Box," and that on the main thoroughfare, too. For that is exactly the impression created by that rough, dirty looking, unpainted structure right in the middle of the pavement of Asiatic Building. Since workmen are not working there daily the whole day, but only occasionally for a short while, would it not have been sufficient to effect the re-

## ITALIAN OPERA

### "MADAME BUTTERFLY" GREATLY APPRECIATED

#### SPLENDID ACTING

A large and appreciative audience was present at the Star Theatre last evening to witness the production of Puccini's popular "Madame Butterfly."

The story of the opera is too well known to need any comments, and by this time the individual members of the company have demonstrated that they are in the front rank of their profession. The weather, if conditions on the stage, were anything like those in the auditorium, was such that the slightest effort brought discomfort, but never for one moment did the players relax.

Throughout the piece Signorina Ferrari, as "Cho Cho San," proved herself capable of splendid acting which, together with her most attractive voice, simply made "Madame Butterfly" live. Whether softly appealing or angrily demanding Signorina Ferrari was superb and her rendering of this difficult part will be remembered in Hong Kong for a long time to come.

She was admirably assisted by Signorina Benedetti who, as the servant, "Suzuki," was responsible, to a great extent, for the success of the piece. Her voice, more powerful than that possessed by "Cho Cho San," acted as a most pleasing contrast, and the music especially in the second act, was made even more beautiful by the enchanting singing of "Suzuki" and her mistress.

As the American naval officer, "Pinkerton," Signor Taminello was all that could be expected of him. His rich tenor voice, and his delightful acting combined to please every one.

As the "American Consul," Signor Barontini portrayed in his usual excellent manner the person by whom many of the difficult explanations were made, and although the part was not a big one he made it, by his powerful voice, one which could not be forgotten easily.

The staging was, in view of the small space, excellent; and the orchestration, directed by Cav. C. Castagnino, as good as we have heard for a long, long time.

In "Madame Butterfly" another success must be placed to the credit of this excellent and undoubtedly talented Italian Opera Company.

pairs to the electrical cables necessary at times, under a quickly erectable and removable waterproof canvas tent, as it is done frequently in other places. This large ugly looking permanent brick structure appears to be entirely out of place in the middle of any pavement, the more in the very heart and centre of Hong Kong. This permanent structure is an eyesore to many, and should be replaced by a manhole opening at the street level in conjunction with the use of a removable folding tent, if there is the least possibility for it. Pending this the provision of a decent coat of cement and paint should be applied to it by the owners as soon as possible. We have painted the City Hall fountain. Let us now paint also this poor erection and continue in the good work before our inspiration is gone, for there are many things that need a thorough cleaning, whitewashing and painting in Hong Kong.

The death rate in Hong Kong from tuberculosis is not less than 50 per cent. of the total number of deaths, according to a recent statement in the Press. This disease is directly traceable to the terrible firewood smoke and the more terrible absence of a separate and segregated space for toilet stools in the Chinese flats, which our approved building plans compel us. What steps is the Sanitary Department contemplating for the abolishment of these two big causes of tuberculosis in Hong Kong? What steps is that Department taking for the elimination of fire wood burning and the introduction of all through-out Hong Kong of gas for cooking purposes in the richer households and of kerosene primus cookers in the poorer households?

When will our laws compel the instalment of sanitary and fire-proof stone or gypsum partitions of a removable kind, and of air and ventilation pipes leading from each and every flat over the top of the roof? When will it enforce the cleaning up of all verandahs now often entirely closed to the fresh air and light by rubbish, rags, boxes and other obstructing material? This especially refers to places like Yaumati, West Point, Wanchai, etc.

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## MILITARY LAND

WRONG CHARGE AGAINST A  
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PECULIAR CASE

The Kowloon Magistrate, Mr.  
T. S. Whyte-Smith was in a dilemma  
yesterday when a Chinese was  
brought before him charged under  
Section 4 of Ordinance No. 1 of  
1895, which reads:"Every person found in the  
immediate vicinity of any battery,  
or of any naval or military pre-  
mises or anchorages, or of any of  
His Majesty's ships, and with  
sketching, drawing photographic,  
or painting materials or ap-  
paratus in his possession with the  
intention of contravening the  
provisions of section 2 shall, upon  
summary conviction, etc."His Worship expressed his doubt  
as to whether the accused could be  
charged with that offence.  
Sergt. Weymes said that the ac-  
cused was found inside the Hankow  
Barracks. He was engaged in fill-  
ing a sack with dog biscuits and,  
when asked for his pass and the  
nature of his business, he was un-  
able to give a satisfactory explana-  
tion.His Worship asked why the  
accused was not charged with  
larceny. Sergt. Weymes said that  
he did not think that there was  
evidence even to support a charge  
of attempted larceny.His Worship intimated that there  
was another section under which  
the accused could be charged. That  
was Section 8, sub-section 3 of  
Ordinance No. 1 of 1845, which  
said:"Travelling, by man or beast,  
upon or in any message, tenement,  
cemetery, or land vested in  
or under the control or manage-  
ment of any public officer or  
department whatsoever.""Well," continued his Worship,  
"I don't know if even that includes  
military officers and military land.  
I think I had better adjourn this  
case for 24 hours and you might  
take advice as to what you are  
going to charge him with."His Worship remarked that he  
could not convict the accused on the  
present charge.The case was again brought up  
this morning when His Worship  
decided that the original charge,  
that of Section 4 of Ordinance No.  
1 of 1895 was quite correct and met  
the requirements of the case.A fine of \$7, with the alternative  
of 10 days' imprisonment was  
imposed.

## MRS. SUN YAT-SEN

Nanking, Yesterday.

Mrs. Sun Yat-sen is going to  
Peking from Germany early in May  
to accompany her late husband's  
remains to the capital. She is ex-  
pected at Peking on May 20 and  
the remains will be conveyed to  
Nanking on May 26.—Reuter.

## CHINA DISBANDMENT

Nanking, Yesterday.

It is stated that the second China  
Disbandment Conference will be  
held here shortly. The need for it  
results from the recent military  
changes consequent on the exter-  
mination of the Kwangsi-lites.—  
Reuter.

## STAR

THEATRE

FOR A SHORT SEASON

## TO-NIGHT

At 9.15 p.m.

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Full Orchestra, Chorus &amp; Ballet

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RUSTICANA AND

PAGLIACCI

To-morrow

May 1.

LUCIA DI

LAMMERMOOR

THURS.

May 2.

"CARMEN"

FRI.

May 3.

"LA BOHEME"

SAT.

May 4.

"TALES OF  
HOFFMAN"

Booking at Moutries &amp; Star.

Prices \$4, \$5, \$2 &amp; \$1.

## MONEY AND SHARES

### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

#### On London—

Bank, wire ..... 1/11 3/4

Bank, on demand ..... 1/11 7/16

Bank, 80 days' sight ..... 1/11 3/4

Bank, 4 months' sight ..... 1/11 3/4

Credits, 4 months' ..... 2/- 3/4

Documentary 4 months' ..... 2/- 1/2

sight ..... 2/- 1/2

#### On Paris—

On demand ..... 1212 1/2

Credits, 4 months' ..... 1287 1/2

sight ..... 1287 1/2

#### On Berlin—

On demand ..... 47 3/4

Credits, 60 days' sight ..... 49

#### On Bombay—

Wire ..... 130 1/4

On demand ..... 130 1/4

#### On Calcutta—

Wire ..... 130 1/4

On demand ..... 130 1/4

#### On Singapore—

On demand ..... 84 1/4

#### On Manila—

On demand ..... 95 1/4

#### On Shanghai—

On demand ..... 79

90 day's sight (private  
paper) ..... 105

On demand ..... 105

Gold Leaf, 100 fine  
(per taol) ..... 9.90Sovereigns (Bank's  
buying rate) ..... 25 5/16

Silver (per oz.) ..... 25 5/16

Bar Silver in Hong  
Kong ..... 3% Prem.

Copper Cash ..... Nominal

Chinese Copper Cents 6% Prem.

Rate of Native In-  
terest ..... 7% p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coin ..... 33 1/2% dis.

Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

### LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.

Paris ..... 124.15 1/2

New York ..... 48.5 9/32

Brussels ..... 34.94

Geneva ..... 25.20

Amsterdam ..... 12.07

Milan ..... 52.62 1/2

Berlin ..... 20.47 1/2

Stockholm ..... 18.16 1/2

Copenhagen ..... 18.19 1/2

Oslo ..... 18.19 1/2

Vienna ..... 34.55 1/2

Prague ..... 164

Helsingfors ..... 193

Madrid ..... 33.85 1/2

Lisbon ..... 108 1/4

Athens ..... 576

Bucharest ..... 318 1/2

Rio ..... 5 57/64

Buenos Aires ..... 47 5/16

Bombay ..... 1/5 29/32

Shanghai ..... 2/5 1/2

Hong Kong ..... 1/11 3/4

Yokohama ..... 1/10 9/32

Silver Spot & For-  
ward ..... 25 5/16

—British Wireless Service.

## L.C.C. ARCHITECT

DROPS OVER STAIR  
WELLMr. W. Bentley Purchase, deputy  
coroner, recorded a verdict of sui-  
cide while of unsound mind at a  
Lambeth inquest on Percy Phineas  
Nathan, 51, a London County Coun-  
cil architect, of Sumburgh-road,  
Balham, who fell over the stair-  
case at the County Hall.Mrs. Nathan said that for a week  
past her husband had been nervous  
owing to the frost and pipes burst-  
ing. When he left home there was  
nothing about him to make her  
think he would take his life.Mr. James McCrae, also employ-  
ed by the L.C.C. as an architect,  
said that Mr. Nathan had been de-  
pressed recently and complained of  
pains in his head and sleeplessness.  
When he arrived at the County Hall  
he said that he did not feel very  
grand, and went out of the room,  
which was on the sixth floor.Michael Murphy, a messenger at  
the County Hall, said that he was  
between the third and fourth floor  
when he saw a body falling down  
the well of the staircase. On  
reaching the basement he found Mr.  
Nathan lying on his face.It was stated that Mr. Nathan fell  
over 100ft., and the coroner's officer  
said that he found finger marks on  
the raised ledge on which the rail  
was built.Dr. Ryan, of Clapham-common,  
said that Mr. Nathan had occasional  
attacks of giddiness, which was  
diagnosed as due to disordered  
action of the heart. Eighteen  
months ago he collapsed in the  
street, and the fall might have been  
due to a momentary anaemia of the  
brain through the heart missing a  
beat. He was a very serious mind-  
ed man, easily affected by emotion,  
and he had advised him to take life  
easier.Mr. Bentley Purchase said that  
Mr. Nathan seemed to have  
been depressed by trivial things. It  
had been suggested that he might  
have fallen over the staircase, but  
he was of opinion that the man took  
his own life. He was satisfied that  
the stair rail was adequate.A fire at Bombay recently de-  
stroyed 7,000 bales of cotton, valued  
at \$90,000.

### T.T. on London ..... 1/11 3/4

T.T. on Shanghai ..... 79 3/4

### Banks

H.K. Banks ..... \$1200 b 1210 s

Chartered Bank ..... \$1200/1205 sa

H.K. London Reg. .... \$194 b

Mercantile A. &amp; E. .... \$33 n

Mercantile C. .... \$15 1/4 n

P. &amp; O. Bank ..... \$9 1/4 n

Bank of East Asia ..... \$90 1/2 n

### Insurances

Canton Insurance ..... \$695 b

Union Insurance ..... \$370 s

North China Insurance ..... \$160 b

Yangtze Insurance ..... \$1850 n

China Underwriters \$2.10 b 2.30 s

China Fire Insurance ..... \$295 b

H.K. Fire Insurance ..... \$765 b

### Shipping

Douglases ..... \$36 s

H.K. Steamboats ..... \$26 b

H.K. Tugs &amp; Lighters ..... \$240 n

Indo-China (Pref.) ..... \$40 n

Indo-China (Def.) ..... \$70 n

Shell Transports ..... \$98/- n

Shell Transports (new) ..... \$22 n

Union Water-boats ..... \$22 n

### Mining

Benguetes ..... \$23 b

Kailan Mining Ad. .... \$66 3/4 n

Langkats (comb.) ..... \$14 n

Langkats (singles) ..... \$7 1/2 n

Shanghai Explorations ..... \$2.90 s

Shanghai Loans ..... \$4 1/2 n

Raubs ..... \$6.65 n

Trench Mines ..... \$17 1/2 n

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.

H.K. &amp; K. Wharves ..... \$122 n

H.K. &amp; W. Docks ..... \$86 s

China Providents ..... \$4 1/4 b

Hongkows ..... \$178 b

New Engineering ..... \$5.80 b

Shanghai Docks ..... \$127 n

### Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons ..... \$12 1/2 b

Oriental Cottons ..... \$12 b

Shanghai Cottons (old) ..... \$72 s

Shanghai Cottons (new) ..... \$73 n

### Lands, Hotels & Buildings

H.K. &amp; S. Hotels ..... \$8.60 b 8.65 sa

H.K. Lands ..... \$61 1/4 b 62 sa

Shanghai Lands ..... \$143 n

Humphreys' Estates ..... \$14.35 n

H.K. Realities ..... \$8.35 n

H.K. Territorials ..... \$

### Princes' Buildings

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways ..... \$18 1/2 b 18.65 s

Peak Trams (old) ..... \$12 1/2 b 12.55 sa

Peak Trams (new) ..... \$6.30 n

Star Ferries ..... \$66 1/2 b 67 1/4 s

Star Ferries ..... \$66 1/2 sa

### China Lights (comb.)

China Lights (old) ..... \$13.35 b

China Lights (new) ..... \$

China Lights 1928 issue

H.K. Electrics (old) ..... \$56.35 s

H.K. Electrics (new) ..... \$56.10 1/4 sa

### H.K. Electrics (new)

Macao Electrics ..... \$26 1/4 n

H.K. Telephones ..... \$7.05 b 7.15 s

China Buses ..... \$14 b

Singapore Tractions ..... \$11 1/6 n

Singapore Pref. ..... \$16 1/6 b

Sandakan Lts. .... \$2 1/4 s

### Industrials

China Sugars ..... \$1 n

Malabon Sugars ..... \$27 b

Canton Ices ..... \$1 1/4 b 1.90 s

Cements (comb.) ..... \$8.60 s

Cements (old) ..... \$7.80 n

Cements (new) ..... \$1.40 n

H.K. Ropes (old) ..... \$6 1/2 n

H.K. Ropes (new) ..... \$

United Asbestos ..... \$5 b

### Stores, &c.

Dairy Farms ..... \$19 1/4 s

Watsons ..... \$1.20 n

Der A. Wings ..... 80 cts. b

Lane, Crawfords ..... \$2 s

Mackintoshes ..... \$18 b

Sinceres ..... \$12 b

Wm. Powells ..... \$3.65 n

### Miscellaneous

H.K. Amusements \$29 1/2 b 29 1/2 sa

Hong Kong Constructions ..... \$1 1/4 s

H.K. Govt. Loans ..... 8% b Prem.

## GENERAL BOOTH

HONOUR BESTOWED ON  
FORMER LEADER

London, Yesterday.

At the request of Mr. Baldwin,  
the King has approved the appoint-  
ment of General Bramwell Booth as  
a Companion of Honour.—Reuter.



# Sport Columns

## HOME FOOTBALL

### CUP FINALISTS LOSE AT HOME

#### GRIMSBY'S SET BACK

London, Yesterday. Having just emerged from the great Cup Final struggle at Wembley, Grimsby United had to play a League match against Sheffield United-to-day, when they lost by the odd goal in five.

Leeds United conceded a point to the Cup winners, Bolton Wanderers.

In the Second Division Grimsby lost a good chance of making sure of the premier honours by only drawing with Bradford.

Torquay, in the Southern Section of Division III, pulled themselves out of the bottom four by a smart win over Luton on the latter's ground.

Playing at home in the Northern Section Barrow could make no impression on Crewe.

#### Results:

First Division

Leeds United 2, Bolton Wanderers 2.

Portsmouth 2, Sheffield United 3.

#### Second Division

Bradford 1, Grimsby 0.

#### Third Division (Southern)

Luton 1, Torquay 2.

#### Third Division (Northern)

Barrow 2, Crewe 4. —Reuter.

#### LEAGUE TABLES

The English League tables up to and including yesterday's matches are appended:—

#### First Division

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Wednesday 41 21 10 10 85 58 52

Leicester 41 20 9 12 90 68 49

Aston Villa 41 22 4 15 94 80 48

Sunderland 41 20 7 14 93 71 47

Liverpool 41 17 11 13 89 63 45

Derby 41 18 9 14 83 68 45

Manchester 41 18 8 15 84 55 44

Blackburn 40 17 9 14 70 61 43

Arsenal 40 15 12 13 73 69 42

Newcastle 41 18 6 17 68 72 42

Leeds U. 40 16 9 15 70 81 41

Manchester 41 14 12 15 66 74 40

Everton 42 18 4 20 84 73 40

Sheffield U. 41 14 11 16 82 55 39

Bolton 40 13 14 15 68 71 38

West Ham 41 15 8 18 85 95 38

Birmingham 41 14 10 17 67 77 38

Huddersfield 40 13 10 17 67 50 36

Burnley 40 15 6 19 77 99 36

Portsmouth 41 15 5 21 56 80 35

Bury 40 12 6 22 52 92 30

Cardiff 41 8 12 21 42 58 28

#### Second Division

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Middlesbrough 41 21 11 9 89 57 53

Grimsby 41 24 5 12 82 58 53

Bradford 41 22 4 15 87 68 48

Nottingham 42 19 9 14 78 65 47

Southampton 41 16 14 11 71 66 46

West Brom 41 16 8 14 80 77 46

Stoke 41 17 11 13 72 49 45

Chelsea 42 17 10 15 64 65 44

Blackpool 41 18 7 16 87 75 43

Tottenham 41 16 9 16 73 81 41

Nottingham Forest 41 14 12 15 70 70 40

Hull 41 13 14 14 53 62 40

Millwall 41 16 7 18 71 84 39

Preston 41 15 8 18 75 77 38

Wolves 41 15 7 19 76 76 37

Reading 41 14 9 18 59 84 37

Barnsley 41 15 6 20 67 66 36

Bristol 41 13 10 18 58 67 36

Swansea 41 13 10 18 62 72 36

Oldham 41 15 5 21 52 74 35

Port Vale 41 14 4 23 66 86 32

Clapton 41 12 8 21 43 68 32

#### Division III. (South)

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Charlton 41 22 8 11 84 60 52

Northants 41 20 11 10 95 56 51

Queens P.R. 41 21 8 12 77 67 50

Crystal P. 40 21 8 11 77 67 50

Fulham 41 20 10 11 100 71 50

Plymouth 40 18 12 10 73 51 43

Luton 41 19 10 12 88 72 48

Bournemouth 41 19 9 13 83 75 47

Watford 40 18 12 10 73 51 43

Coventry 41 14 13 14 61 56 41

Southend 41 15 11 15 79 73 41

Swindon 40 13 13 14 68 70 39

Brentford 41 14 10 17 66 59 38

Walsall 40 13 12 15 72 76 38

Brighton 40 15 6 19 58 67 36

Newport 40 13 8 19 65 79 34

Bristol R. 40 13 5 21 59 76 32

Torquay 41 13 6 22 64 83 32

Norwich 40 13 5 22 62 76 31

Merthyr 41 11 8 22 65 102 30

Exeter 41 9 11 21 67 96 29

Gillingham 40 9 9 22 42 80 27

(Continued on Next Column.)

## HANKOW RACES

### CHAMPIONS WON BY TIENSIN

#### THE LUCKY NUMBERS

Hankow, April 24. The following is the result of the Hankow Champions, run this afternoon:—

Tientsin (Dupree) ..... 1

401 (K. S. Tong) ..... 2

Prince des Bois (S. W. Pan) ..... 3

The following were the winning numbers in the Champions Sweepstakes:—1st prize, No. 3793; 2nd prize, No. 5469; 3rd prize, No. 4856. The first prize totals \$12,000.

## ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

### ANNUAL SPORTS FIXED FOR MAY 4

The 13th annual sports of St. Joseph's College, held under the auspices of the St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association, will be on Saturday, May 11, at Sookpoo ground. There is a long list of events to get through, including the following for the Old Boys:—

120 yards Handicap.

100 yards Veterans' Race.

Old Boys, over 40.

Inter-Hong Team Race.

Teams of Four, 220 yards.

With regard to the last item, the following firms are joining and a few more will later:—

Hong Kong Electric, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Chartered Bank, Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Jardine, Matheson, and Asiatic Petroleum Co.

## HEALING BY TOUCH

### FRENCHMAN'S AMAZING CLAIMS

#### "MAGNETIC MAN"

M. Joanny Gaillard, known all over the world as the magnetic man, is going from France on a month's visit to the National Laboratory of Psychological Research at South Kensington. He claims to be able to mummify objects, including a pigeon or mutton-chop. He also claims to have the power to arrest noxious tissue growths in the human body by touching them with his fingers.

Gaillard has been observed by medical and other experts at Lyons for several months. The National Laboratory states that the results that are appearing from tests of Gaillard's power warrant systematic investigation. It is proposed to form a medical committee for this purpose. Gaillard has amassed a fortune by healing hundreds of patients, who are queuing at the surgery daily.

## S.P.C.A.

### WORK OF THE PAST YEAR REVIEWED

#### Muzzling Order

Yesterday afternoon the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held in the board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. There was a very small attendance which was presided over by Mr. D. H. Blake who, in the course of his speech, said:—

During the past year the S.P.C.A. continued their work in the same manner as heretofore.

It was thought advisable to take severe measures against certain shops and stalls where persistent cruelty to birds and beasts was discovered. Consequently during the period under review there have been a larger number of prosecutions than usual. The publicity given in the newspapers to the Police Court proceedings has undoubtedly had a beneficial effect.

#### Muzzling of Dogs

From time to time correspondence has appeared in the newspapers referring to the legislation and regulations enforced with regard to the muzzling and shooting of dogs and correspondents have enquired why the S.P.C.A. have not taken active steps in the matter.

I would refer to my speech at the last annual meeting in which I stated that the Committee had been granted an interview with the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon and thoroughly discussed the question both of the muzzling and the destruction of dogs. The present drastic regulations are regarded by the Authorities as essential for the purpose of combating the dread disease of rabies. The more the general public assist by complying with the law the sooner the regulations can be modified.

At the same time, however, the Committee will always be ready to take up cases in which dogs have been shot in circumstances which are manifestly unreasonable.

#### Pollock Cup

The Boy Scouts competed for the Pollock Cup which was presented last year. Several well thought out essays were submitted to the judges and the award was made in favour of D. Hunt, 5th Troop.

#### Girl Guides

The Girl Guides also competed for the Cup presented by the Society, but the subject chosen was misunderstood by the competitors with the result that the essays, although showing signs of hard work, were not of the high standard that the Society had hoped for. The cup was awarded

to the essay written by Phyllis Anderson, of the 2nd Kowloon Co.

#### Finance

The Society went through an anxious period with regard to finance. Unfortunately, the date for the drive for subscriptions was not well chosen and, in addition to this, owing to a series of misunderstandings some subscription cards were not distributed or collected as promptly as could have been desired. In consequence there was a considerable falling off in the subscriptions and the Committee was faced with a shortage of funds. Our Patron, His Excellency the Governor, very kindly recommended the Society as the recipient of the proceeds of a benefit performance given by the Harmonium Circus. The Society received \$868 from this source and we wish to express sincere thanks to Mr. Harmon for his generosity.

The Committee organised a highly successful fancy dress dinner dance at the Peninsula Hotel.

#### Thanks

The Society desire to express their thanks to the Jockey Club for their donation of \$1,000 and express the hope that it will be renewed, and to Mr. M. J. Patel for kindly having again given \$300.

#### New President

Mr. W. B. Finnigan was appointed president for the ensuing year. Mr. J. Buchanan was appointed Hon. Secretary, and the same committee as last year was also appointed.

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Baby's Own Tablets are sold by chemists everywhere, or post free, 60 cents per vial, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kingston Road, Shanghai.

## STANDARD TIME.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for May (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

May	Sunrise.	Sunset.
1	5.51	6.50
2	5.51	6.51
3	5.50	6.51
4	5.49	6.51
5	5.49	6.52
6	5.48	6.52
7	5.48	6.53
8	5.47	6.53
9	5.47	6.53
10	5.46	6.54
11	5.46	6.54
12	5.45	6.55
13	5.45	6.55
14	5.44	6.55
15	5.43	6.56
16	5.43	6.56
17	5.42	6.56
18	5.42	6.57
19	5.42	6.57
20	5.41	6.58
21	5.41	6.58
22	5.41	6.59
23	5.40	7.00
24	5.40	7.00
25	5.40	7.01
26	5.40	7.01
27	5.40	7.02
28	5.39	7.02
29	5.39	7.02
30	5.39	7.03
31	5.39	7.03

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### Optician.

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### Printers.

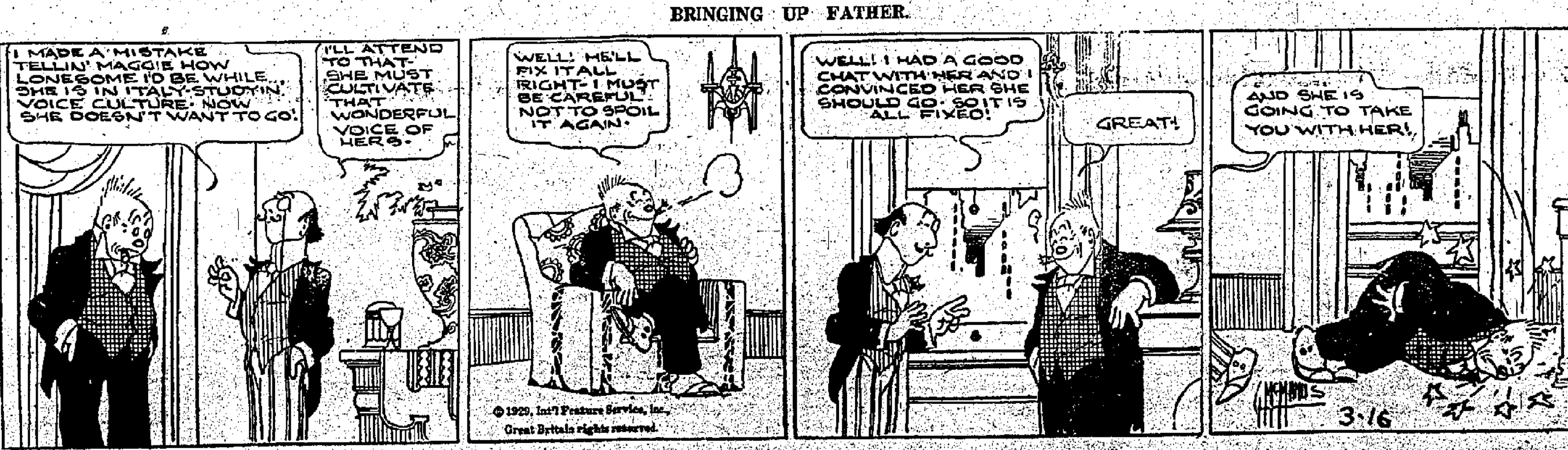
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BRINGING UP FATHER.



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Departure of Major-General Wardrop



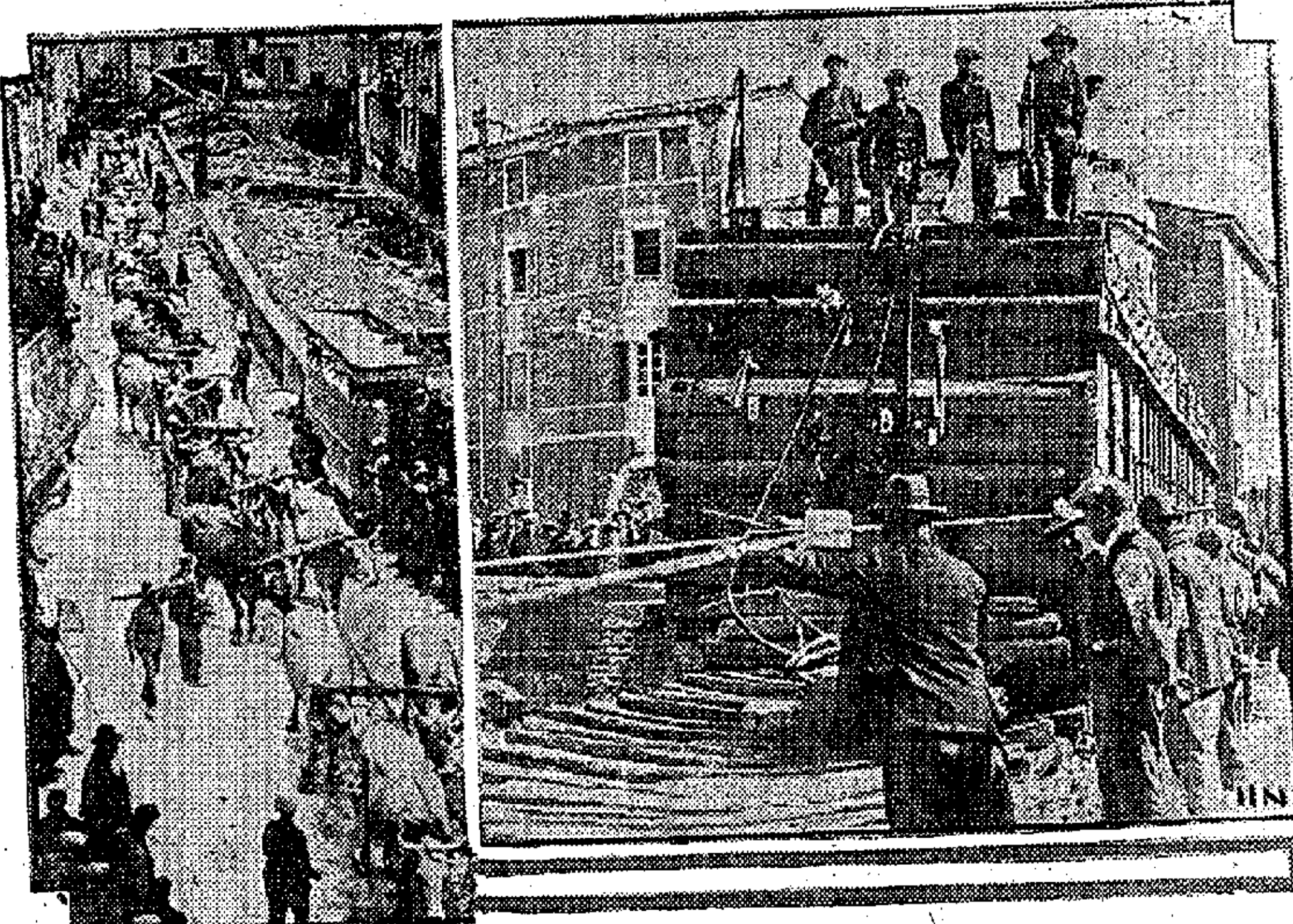
Maj. Gen. A. E. Wardrop, C.B., C.M., General Officer Commanding the North China Command, has left Hong Kong for England, as the North China Command has now ceased to exist. The pictures show: (top left) the guard of honour awaiting the arrival of Maj. Gen. Wardrop; (top right) Major Gen. Wardrop conversing with Sir Ely Kadoorie, K.B.E., Com. L. of Hon.; (lower left) Maj. Gen. Wardrop talking with officer just before going on board the motor-boat which took him to the s.s. "Naldora"; (lower right) Maj. Gen. Wardrop inspecting the guard of honour from the Russian Detachment, accompanied by Brigadier O. C. Borret, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., and Col. H. B. H. Oppen-Palmer, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commandant, Shanghai Volunteer Corps.—Lai Chong.)

## "Agin the Government"



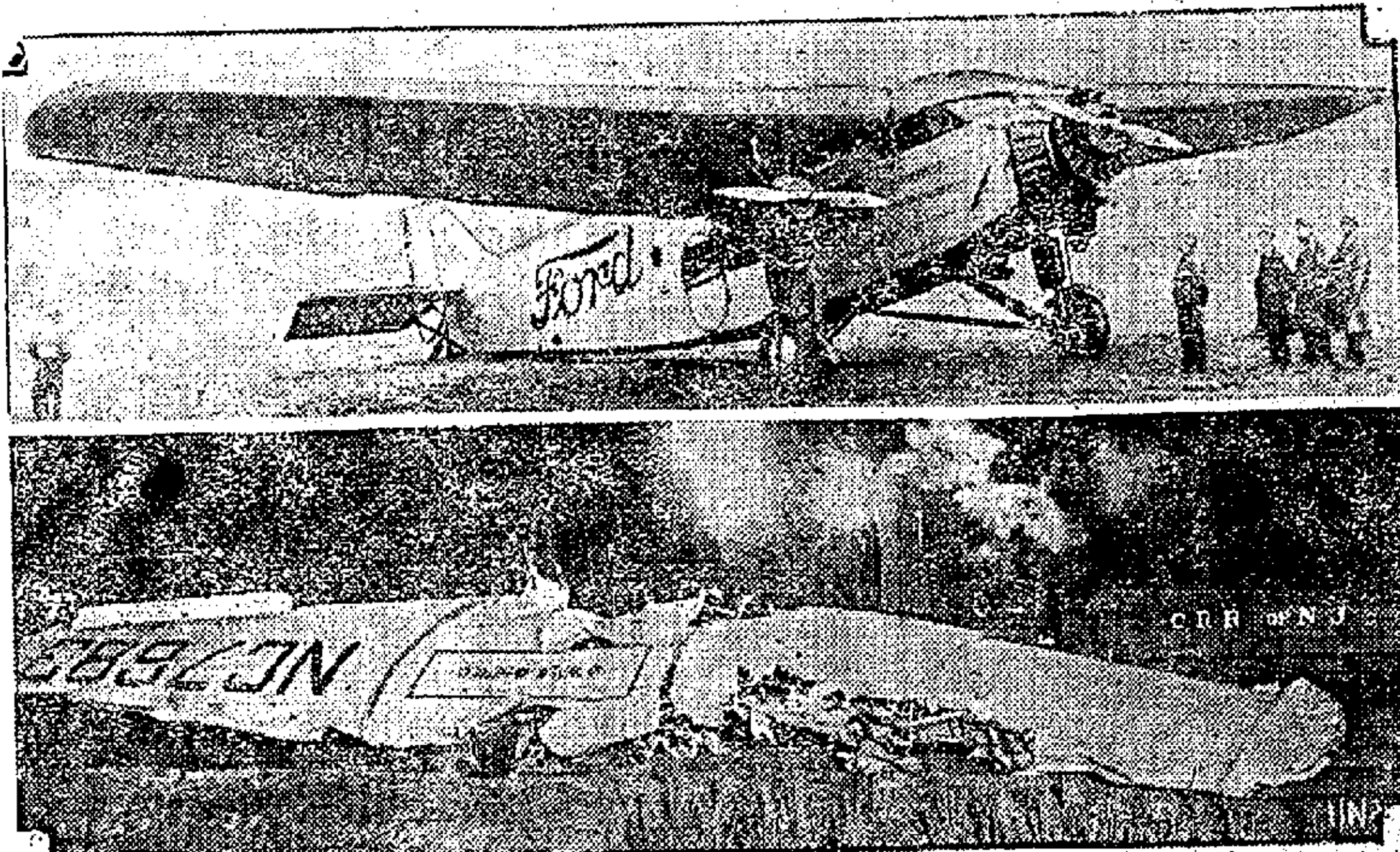
Following closely on the resignation of Mrs. Charles H. Rubin, Mrs. George Orvis of Manchester, Vermont, has deserted the Republican National Committee. According to observers, the reasons for their acts are identical, namely, lack of sympathy with the Administration's Prohibition attitude.

## Five Years' Unceasing Labour



After five years of intensive labour by a small army of workmen, the great monolith, weighing 400 tons, has been taken from the quarry at Carrara, Italy, and is on the road to Rome where it will be worked into a memorial to Premier Mussolini. The great block of marble is shown at the right, created in itself a tremendous undertaking, sliding along the road on skids and rollers while at the left are some of the forty teams of oxen being used to drag the huge stone. Exceptional engineering problem of moving the block of marble in this huge size but in the transshipment by boat to Rome after the tedious road trip.

## Toll of 13 Lives



With motors of his huge plane faltering shortly after taking off from Newark, N. J., airport with a full load of sightseers, Pilot Lou Foote, who escaped death, fought valiantly to hold his giant Ford plane in the air. Thirteen persons were killed when the plane crashed into the iron frame of a freight car about a mile from the landing field where thousands of horrified Sunday visitors stood powerless to avert the tragedy. The top shows the type of plane which carried the victims to their death and below are the crumpled wings of the death plane.

## Dr. Fearn Entertains Friends



"At the Royal Hotel's Italian Restaurant, Shanghai, Dr. Anne Fearn entertained some of her many friends at a 'Ravioli-Spaghetti' party—a most enjoyable time being had by all.—(C. H. Wong Studio.)"

## Fails Near Goal



Less than 200 miles from his goal in an attempted dawn to dusk flight from Panama to Brownsville, Texas, Captain Baker brought his plane safely to Tampico, making the second failure in his try to make the long flight against time.

## Rising to Fame?



San McCorkle, young district attorney of the 77th Judicial District of Texas, has been recommended for place on Mr. Hoover's proposed Prohibition Commission. McCorkle is noted as a vigorous enforcer of Volstead Act.

## Joins Hoover Staff



Representative Walter H. Newton of Minnesota, who has been appointed to the President's secretarial staff at the White House. Mr. Newton has served five sessions in Congress.

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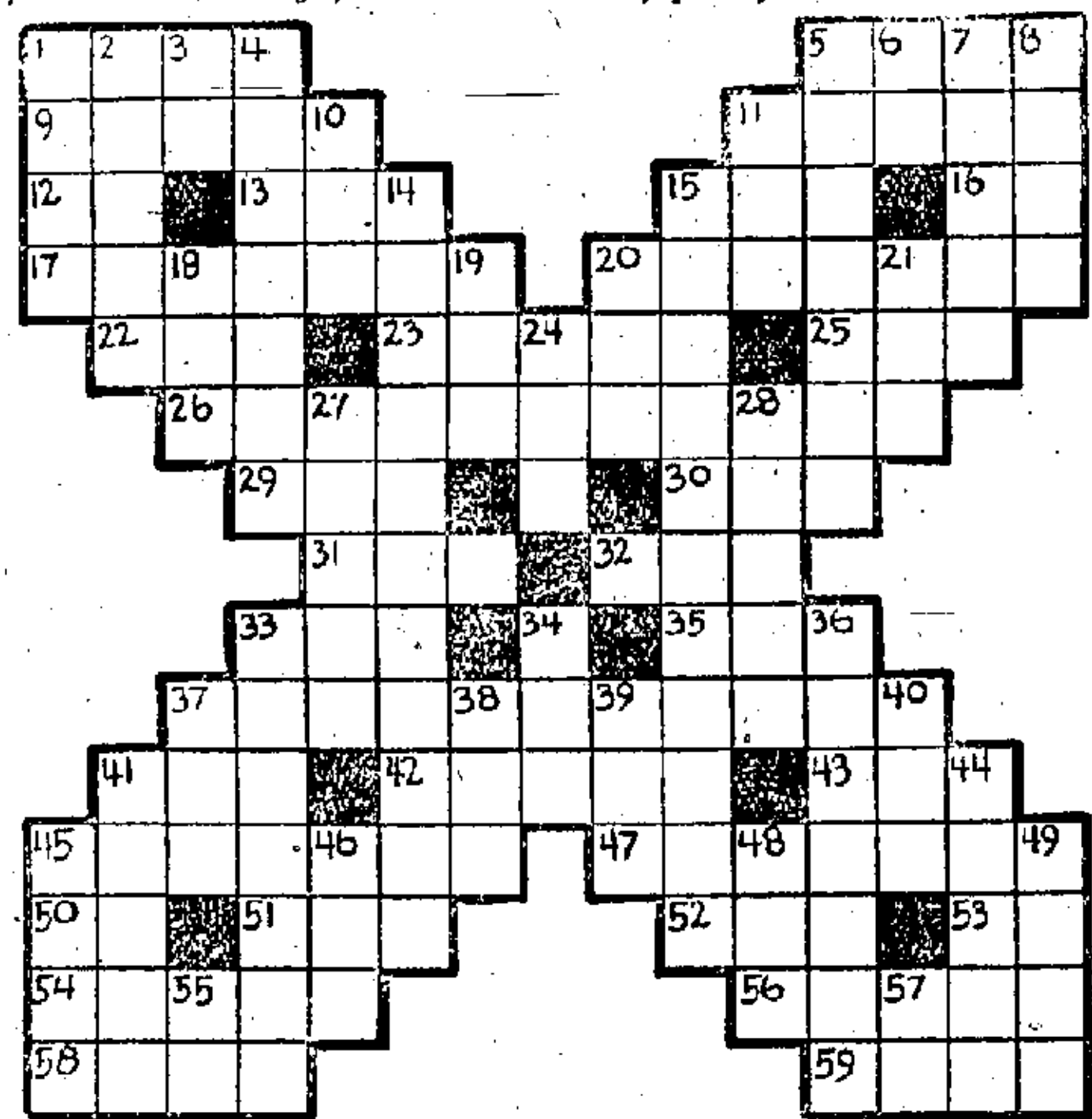
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and alto.)



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## HORIZONTAL

- 1-Sour
- 5-A king of Israel
- 9-A British spy
- 11-To leave
- 12-Pronoun
- 13-Skull
- 15-A label
- 16-Behold
- 17-Pertaining to
- 20-The Prince of Darkness (Persian)
- 22-A distress signal
- 23-To let
- 25-Girl's name (short)
- 26-One who believes in a millennium
- 28-A drink
- 30-Compass point (abbr.)
- 31-An interjection
- 32-Nothing
- 33-A watering place in Belgium
- 35-Is (contr.)
- 37-A great American river
- 41-An age
- 42-A severe ascetic
- 43-Unit of work

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 45-Person to whom property is transferred by a deed
- 47-An oral conference (pl.)
- 50-A metric land measure
- 51-A female sheep
- 52-Deafly
- 53-Egyptian sun-god
- 54-Castle defending entrance to Havana harbor
- 56-Commenced
- 58-Greek god of war
- 59-Part taken by an actor

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-To close out
- 14-A city of Florida
- 15-Pertaining to
- 18-Name (French)
- 19-Born
- 20-Man's name
- 21-The human race
- 24-Conjunction
- 27-Jumps
- 28-A town, Long Island, N. Y.
- 33-Irreligious persons
- 34-Combining form
- 35-Zinc
- 37-An extinct bird of New Zealand
- 38-A suffix denoting a native
- 39-A mere taste
- 40-Anger
- 41-A mistake
- 44-Having a circular motion
- 45-A Portuguese navigator
- 46-A number
- 48-To plunder
- 49-Of sound mind
- 55-A musical note
- 57-To proceed

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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A farewell tea party was held by the members of the Johore Volunteer Forces, Johore Bahru detachment, and the Johore Club at the Johore Rest House, on Mar. 28, in honour of the departure of H.H. the Tungku Temenggong Ahmad, D.K., P.I.S., on transfer to Muar district as State Commissioner on the retirement of the Hon. Dato Daud bin Haji Suleiman. Those present included H.H. the Tungku Mahkota of Johore, Hon. Dato Mentri Besar, Hon. Dato Ismail bin Bachok (State Secretary), Lt. Colonel the Hon. Dato Abdul Hamid, J.M.F., the Hon. Y. M. Ungku Ali (President of Religious Affairs) and the Hon. Y. M. Ungku Abdul Aziz, Officer Commanding the J.V.F.

Captain L. N. B. Bevan, R.N. (H.M.S. "Cleopatra"), and Commander the Hon. J. B. Bruce, R.N. (H.M.S. "Foxglove") called officially on H.E. the Governor at Singapore, and stayed to luncheon.

## RADIO TOPICS

## TO-DAY'S RADIO

BROADCAST BY  
Z. B. W.  
ON 350 METRES

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from Government Broadcast Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese music.

7.48 p.m. Evening weather report.

8 p.m. Evening programme (Victor and H.M.V. Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.).

"Coronation March" (Meyerbeer).

"Kamennoi-Ostrow, Op. 10, No. 22," Organ Solo.

Reginald Goss-Custard.

"The Merry Widow," (Lehar), Selection.

De Groot and His Orchestra.

"Like the Big Pets Do," (Long).

"I Think of What You Used to Think of Me," Comedienne, Gracie Fields.

"Captain Harry Morgan," "Cargoes," (Shaw), Bass-Baritone, Peter Dawson.

"Half-Past Nine," (Collins), "Geranium," Comedienne.

Nellie Wallace.

"Vulcan's Song," (Gounod), "The Armourer's Song," (De Koven), Bass, Robert Radford.

"Because," (D'Hardelot), "Evensong," (Martin).

Organ Solo, Terence Casey.

"Le Petit and Blanc," (Ibert).

"Rococo," (Palmgren), Pianoforte Solo.

Benno Moisevitich.

"Two Guitars," (Russian Gypsy Song), Victor Salon Orchestra.

"Simple Confession," (Thome), "Serenade," (Pierne), Violoncello Solo.

Alfred Wallenstein.

"Nights of Gladness—Valse," "Millicent—Valse Hesitation," Rudy Selger's Shell Symphonists.

"Frankie and Johnnie," "Abdul Abdulul Amir," Comedian, Frank Crumit.

"Leslie Stuart's Songs," Selection. The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Bat," (Johann Strauss), Overture, Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Twisting the Dials," The Happiness Boys, (Billy Jones and Ernest Hare).

"Punchinello," "The Sands of Dee," Baritone, Reinold Werrenrath.

"Roll Away, Clouds," "Mammy," Bass, Paul Robeson.

"Sonata in C Minor," (Grieg, Op. 45), Violin and Piano, Sergei Rachmaninoff & Fritz Kreisler.

10.30 p.m. Close Down.

## TELEVISION PUZZLE

"The B.B.C. is waiting for Mr. Baird to notify any improvement in his television system. As soon as this is done our engineers will examine the whole apparatus once more with a view to determining its practicability for broadcast purposes. We cannot be more emphatic than this. The next move is with Mr. Baird."

This statement, made by an official of the B.B.C., constitutes a definite challenge to the Baird Television Company. If, as Captain Hutchinson, the managing director of the Baird Company, suggested in the "Morning Post," Mr. Baird has made further important strides in his apparatus, he will lose no time in approaching the B.B.C., who are only too willing to give him every possible opportunity for broadcasting.

The B.B.C. attach no serious importance to Captain Hutchinson's statements suggesting that there are facts within the knowledge of the B.B.C. and Mr. Baird, which he is under a pledge of secrecy not to reveal for the time being.

## No New Claim

"There have been absolutely no developments between us since our refusal to broadcast the system in October last," said the B.B.C. official.

"The Baird Television Company has not yet intimated to the B.B.C. any claim of improvement. Let them rest assured that the moment they do so we will consider it," he added.

Will Mr. Baird take up this challenge, notify the B.B.C. of the latest improvements, and insist on an experimental test?

It must not be forgotten that there are other systems abroad which are, to say the least, as far advanced, in the opinion of experts, as Mr. Baird's. The B.B.C. are, however, unwilling to use a foreign system if there is any chance of adopting a British invention. Before they do this it is imperative that Mr. Baird should fulfil the conditions which would justify trial through a B.B.C. station.

## DIRECTION BEACONS

## M.M.S.A. PROPOSALS

The council of the Mercantile Marine Service Association have been approached by the Commissioners of the Irish Lights with regard to the installation of wireless direction finding beacons at certain stations on the west and south coast of Ireland, namely, Tory Island, Eagle Island, Inishtearght, Mizen Head, and Kinsale, and possibly Earagh Island (Galway Bay).

The Board of Commissioners considered the alternative proposal, but abandoned the suggestion because a beacon at Slyne Head would only give reliable bearings between 0.12 degrees and 163 degrees, and the reliable range of such a beacon is under 100 miles, consequently it would be of little use to vessels making Fastnet or Tory Island, neither would Slyne Head be of much assistance to ves-

## DON'T WASTE WATER!

sels making Galway Bay, whereas one at Earagh would be of great assistance in conjunction with Inishtearght.

The matter has now received the attention of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, and the council of that body, in a letter to the Commissioners, have approved of the proposal to establish wireless direction finding beacons at Tory Island, Eagle Island, Inishtearght, Mizen Head and Kinsale, and possibly Earagh Island (Galway Bay) but do not favour a beacon being installed at Slyne Head in preference to one at Eagle Island, Inishtearght, or Earagh Island. They have requested that consideration be given to the installation of a wireless beacon on Cape Clear Island as early as time and opportunity permit.

## PLAY PERFORMED BY RADIO

New York.—Television theatres throughout the world are foreseen by Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson, consulting engineer to the General Electric Co., as a result of his latest invention, combining radio and television, in the presentation of a one-act play.

This chain of theatres will be without actors or stage hands, for the audiences will receive identical broadcasts of the performance from a central broadcasting station. Dr. Alexanderson demonstrated at his Schenectady laboratory the first stages of this invention. A short time ago marionette performance was combined with someone speaking in a demonstration of radio-television, but for the first time the other day a dramatic performance by living actors was shown.

Mr. Hartley Manners's one-act spy play "The Queen's Messenger" was chosen because only two actors were required to appear before the television camera.

The audience saw the play in another room in the same building after the performers' acting and voices had been translated into electric waves, carried by land wire to a transmitting station four miles away, and returned by broadcast to the place from whence they came.

## Flickering Pictures

The pictures as seen by the audience were only three inches square. They flickered badly and did not always stay in the centre of the screen, but it was pointed out that the first films displayed equally trying mechanical defects.

Dr. Alexanderson did not deny that it will be some time before the invention will be possible as a public entertainment, but he was confident that colour television will also in future be shown.

## PIANO AND WIRELESS

A very encouraging position is disclosed in the annual survey by the Federation of British Music Industries of British piano manufacture. Last year the number of pianos manufactured in Britain was the largest number recorded since 1913.

The figure for 1927 was also very satisfactory, for it too, represented the highest output of the industry since the pre-war year. This revival of British piano manufacture during the past two years, states the federation, would appear to be conclusive proof that the great popularity of gramophone and wireless music does not mean the decline of the piano. It is probable, on the contrary, that gramophone and wireless music has stimulated the public's interest in music generally, with the result of an increased interest in the piano.

## RADIO IN POLITICS

## ORDEAL FOR THE LISTENER-IN

"Well, what do you think of it all?"

That was the question with which Lord Rosebery prefaced his speech on a memorable occasion. It is the question which listeners-in will be asking each other, now that they have had their first taste of politics in the broadcasting programme, says a wireless writer in the London "Morning Post."

It is impossible to believe that the response will be enthusiastic. The debate on the Rates Relief Bill was, no doubt, instructive, but it was not exhilarating. Few would willingly have forgone, for its sake, the light and varied programme which usually rewards the evening leisure of the owner of a wireless set.

Rating relief is important, no doubt, but its intricacies are not exactly intended for "cottagers and spinners at the wheel, and hungry ears of little children."

Be it said at once that the speeches of Sir Kingsley Wood, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, and Mr. Ramsay Muir were admirable examples of Parliamentary style; but delivered in long, level flow, unpunctuated by cheers or laughter—spoken, as it were, to an empty room—they were just a little tedious.

To those who knew the subject they were superfluous; to those who did not they were bewildering. They kept the listener looking at the clock to see how near the ordeal was to its end; and longing for some diversion, such as the inimitable "Mr. Potter at Southend."

The greatest precautions were taken by the B.B.C. to see that this conjunction of opposing partisanship should lead to no regrettable disorder. Each speaker was allotted a small studio to himself while actually broadcasting.

Beforehand the speakers and their secretaries were assembled in the drawing-room, in which decorous environment they were enabled (or perhaps condemned) to listen to each other. As it fell to the lot of a speaker to broadcast, he was conducted to his studio, and brought back under escort, procedure suggesting that of a prisoner being taken from the Court to the cells and back again.

Sir Kingsley Wood opened the debate with a carefully-prepared and admirably effective exposition of the merits of the Government's Bill. Nothing could have better become the Front Bench; but it was impossible to forget that the speech was twenty minutes long.

Then came Mr. Arthur Greenwood, who in measured and unimpassioned periods, showed that the Government's Bill would do more harm than good—that it was nothing but "a belated attempt of a dying Government to deal with a problem which it had shamefully neglected."

Thirdly, rose Mr. Ramsay Muir, or, rather, Mr. Muir's voice, which, in accents reminiscent of the professional chair, demonstrated the immense superiority over the Government's Bill of the Liberal scheme as set out in the Yellow Book. With the most academic restraint Mr. Muir protested that the Government's Bill was "a hurriedly concocted and ill-digested scheme, which had plunged all local authorities into bewilderment and confusion."

By this time over an hour had passed, and the "bewilderment and confusion" of the local authorities was as nothing to that into which the unhappy listener-in was plunged. A certain liveliness was imparted to the last ten minutes by Sir Kingsley Wood's debating reply; and then "silence like a poultice came to heal the blows of sound."

The broadcasters returned to the drawing-room and bunched up their notes; and the multitudinous audience no doubt began to wonder how often this sort of thing was to happen; and whether they ought not to ask to have their money back.

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Bowen Road (Afterbeds)	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

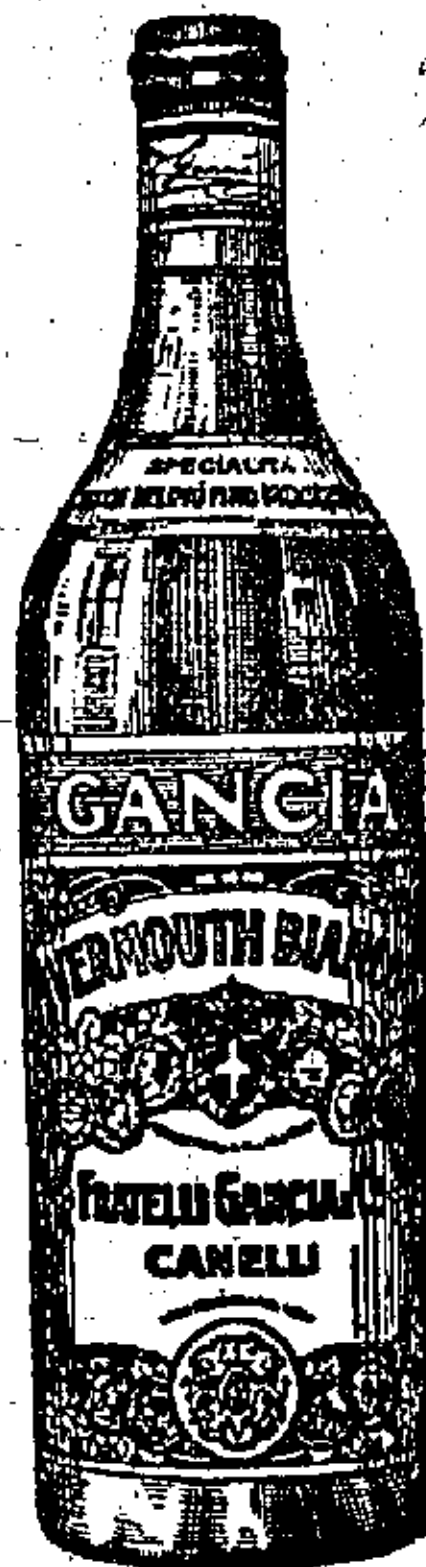
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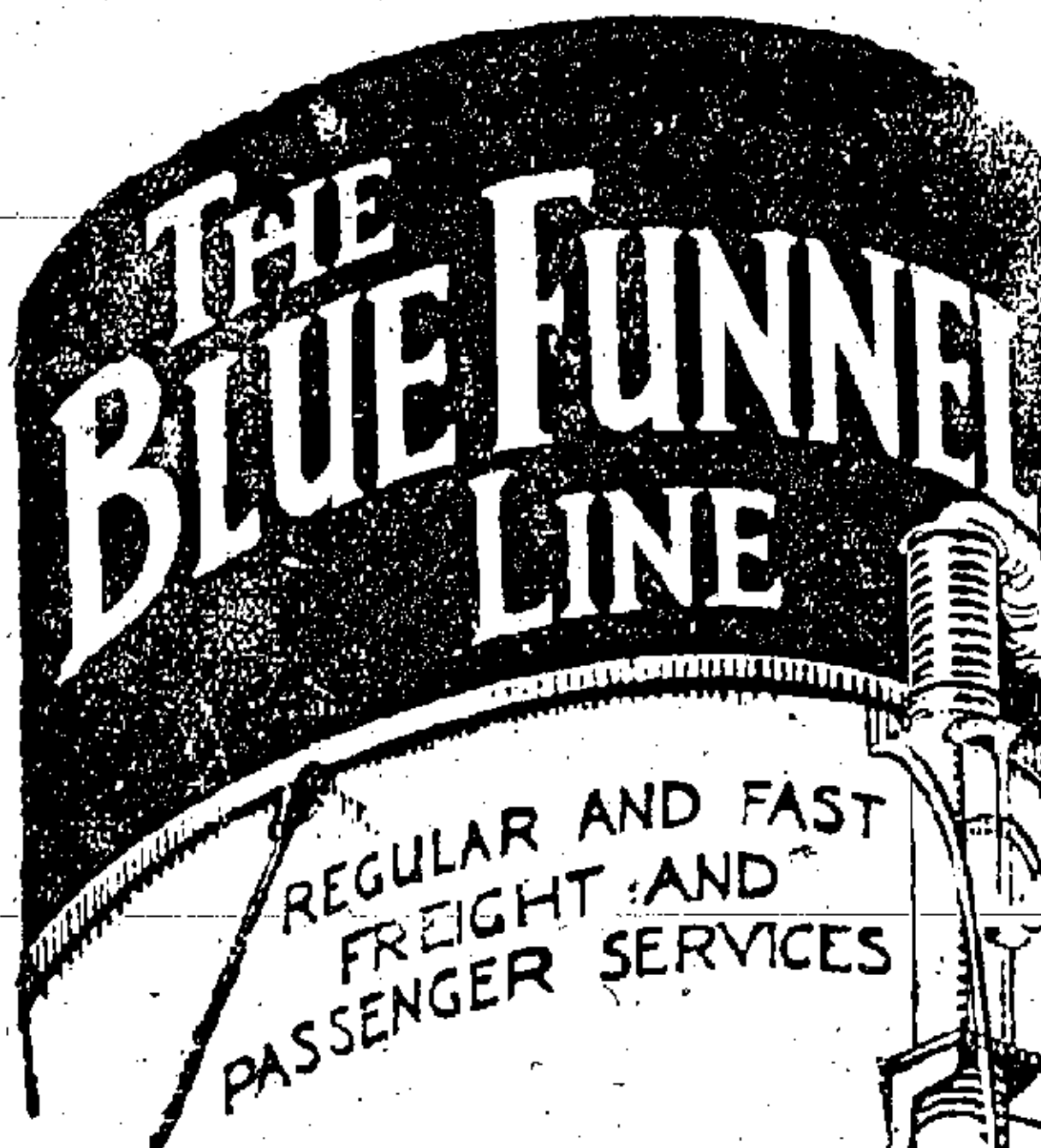
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TUESDAY, APRIL 30.	
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Registration	Apr. 30, 4.15 p.m.
Letters	5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1.	
Shanghai	Perseus 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Croner 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang 1.30 p.m.
Straits	Seistan 2.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, MAY 2.	
*Swatow & Wei Hai Wei	Huichow 8.30 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via *Swatow	Dell Maru 10.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjibodas 12.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Liangchow 3.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, MAY 3.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, S. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	
Haruna Maru (Due Marseilles, 2nd June.)	
K.P.O.	
Registration	May 3, 4.30 p.m.
Letters	May 4, 9 a.m.
G.P.O.	
Registration	May 4, 8.45 a.m.
Letters	9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 4.	
Manila	Pres. Van Buren 5 p.m.
Amoy	Antung 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 5.	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hezan Maru 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu 9 a.m.

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## SMALL-POX MORE SATISFACTORY REPORT FROM BOMBAY

### VACCINATION SUGGESTION

Earl Winterton, Under-Secretary for India, stated in the House of Commons that the latest figures showed that small-pox had declined in Bombay since the middle of March 1928 to 86 in the week ending April 9.

A circular had been issued to the shipping companies by the Port Health Department of Bombay advising the vaccination of all passengers and crews of vessels leaving Bombay, except persons recently vaccinated, and it was understood that this advice was being followed.

**Indian Goods**  
Asked whether any action had been taken by the Government of India to implement the recommendations of the India Tariff Board to investigate and make proposals with a view to increasing the foreign market for Indian goods, Earl Winterton said the Government of India were considering the question of appointing Trade Commissioners at Alexandria, Mombasa and Durban—British Wireless Service.

## CRUEL FARMER

### APPELLATE COURT REJECTS THE APPEAL

### (FLOGGING FOR FLOGGER)

Bloemfontein, Yesterday.  
The Appellate Court has rejected Nafte's appeal—Reuter.  
[A telegram from Pretoria, dated April 15, stated that the acting Minister of Justice had announced that the Cabinet, after full consideration, had decided that they were unable to recommend the Governor-General to exercise mercy in the case of the white farmer, Jack Nafte, recently sentenced to ten lashes and seven years' hard labour for the manslaughter of a native employee.  
The lashes would accordingly be administered.  
It was on April 5 that the Bethel (Transvaal) Circuit Court passed sentence, the severity of which caused a sensation amongst farmers all over the country.  
Regarding the offence for which Nafte was sentenced, it was alleged that the native was flogged severely, tied by a leg to a tree head downwards, and died from shock as a result of the injuries, which included broken ribs and breastbone.]

## SIR SIDNEY BARTON

### TAKING UP NEW POST NEXT MONTH

### NOW IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
Sir Sidney Barton arrived here this morning aboard the P. & O. s.s. "Morea". Sir Sidney, whose visit is entirely unofficial, is staying at the British Consulate, before proceeding to take up his appointment in Abyssinia on May 21—Reuter.

## SCENE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

### "RED FLAG" SUNG

### NOISY ELDERLY MAN & YOUNG WOMAN

### "DOWN WITH GOVERNMENT"

London, Yesterday.  
During a dull moment, when the House of Commons were dealing with minor legislation, it was suddenly enlivened by an elderly man in the gallery shouting "Down with the Simon Commission" while he showered green leaflets to the floor of the House.  
He was seized by a detective and left quietly, whereupon a woman arose and screamed "Down with the Simon Commission, down with the

## SHOWERY

This morning's weather report issued by the Royal Observatory stated:  
Pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of Japan and relatively low over China generally.  
Forecast:—South-west winds, moredull; fair to showery.

## GOVERNMENT THAT STARVED THE MINERS

She tenaciously clung to the railings from which she was removed and taken out still shouting her denunciation and singing "The Red Flag."

The leaflets were signed by the "London District Committee of International Class War Prisoners Association."

Later.  
The interrupters are avowed Communists. The man is a gag-maker and the woman is a clerk, aged 22.  
In accordance with custom both were detained till the House rose. No charge will be preferred against them.—Reuter.

## "SOUTHERN CROSS"

### THE AUSTRALIAN BOARD OF ENQUIRY

### THE FORCED LANDING

Canberra, Yesterday.  
A Board of three members has been appointed to enquire into the forced landing of the "Southern Cross."

The Chairman is Brig-General L. C. Wilson, commanding the 11th Infantry Brigade. The Board will also enquire into the forced landing of the Kookaburra and the loss of an Air Force machine which was wrecked during the search for the "Kookaburra."

It will then submit regulations to govern future long-distance experimental flights.—Reuter.

For failing to register this year, Mr. G. T. Wright was fined \$5 at the British Consular Court in Tientsin before Mr. A. G. N. Ogden. Defendant stated that he was not aware that he had failed to register. Mr. Wright is with the Peking-Mukden Railway.

## CHINESE HOSTS

### ENTERTAINMENT OF THE DUKE APPRECIATED

### GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE

The following letter has been sent by His Excellency the Governor to Sir Shou-son Chow thanking him and the whole Chinese Community for their entertainment of His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester:—

Government House,  
Hong Kong.  
April 29, 1929.

My dear Sir Shou-son,  
Please accept my sincere thanks for all that you and the whole Chinese community did for the entertainment of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. The Chinese address was very beautiful, and nothing could have been better than the arrangements made for the Chinese luncheon party at the Kam Ling Restaurant.

I know that His Royal Highness admired the address, and much enjoyed the entertainment, and I shall be glad if you will convey an expression of his appreciation and mine to all concerned.

Yours very sincerely,  
(Sd.) C. CLEMENTI.  
The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow,  
China, Building.

## KONGMOON DOINGS

### STEAMERS FOR HONG HONG LEAVE EARLIER

### CUSTOMS "WATCHER" CASE

### [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Yesterday.  
All steamers for Hong Kong will leave here at about 2.30 p.m. each day (instead of the usual later hour), or so soon as the mid-day train and the passenger tow-boat from Suncheong arrive. There will be one exception, a boat (each taking turns) staying for the last train.

A commotion has been caused by developments following the arrest of a Watcher in the Chinese Maritime Customs, for alleged squeeze. He was sent to Canton to be dealt with. A federation of the local Kuomintang, civil and military authorities and people's institutions in the Five Yaps has been formed to petition the Canton Government to take a serious view of the matter. To avoid interference by persons who pose (rightfully or wrongfully) that they are scrutineers of Customs officials searching personal effects arriving from Hong Kong, the Customs have closed the wharf gates except for a small exit. The public has become more dissatisfied. Posters have appeared in different places decrying the attitude of the Customs.

**Lack of Protection**  
Colonel Lok has arrived with a small detachment to take over garrison duties at Kongmoon. Brigadier Heung Hon-ping, formerly Officer Commanding the area; it will be recalled, took all his troops away to Canton on the order for general mobilisation "against Nanking" and has not returned. Because of the absence of protection, the silk cocoon bazaar is closed at night, by order.

The motor-road from Pakkai to Kongmoon is to be completed in three months, according to orders of the Construction office.

The local epidemic of small-pox has subsided. Because too many lepers are abroad in towns and villages, the authorities of Sunning have ordered all lepers to be confined.

**Harvest a Failure?**  
Unless the rains come within a fortnight, the first harvest will be a failure. In exchange for subsidiary silver coin, Canton (official) banknotes are at 5 per cent. discount and Hong Kong banknotes at 33 per cent. premium.

Chinese theatre-goers in Hong Kong will be interested to hear that the Ko Shing Lok troupe met with misfortune in Taikong village, Sunning. The match collapsed, causing serious loss to the troupe and several of the "stars" fled in panic, in their stage garb! There were no casualties.

The United States millionaire Mr. Frank Woodward, who was reported to have "kidnapped" his children Ruth and Frank from a school in Paris, left Plymouth with them in the liner "De de France" for New York.

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